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THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



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1 [In open session all seven Closed Session items
2 were continued one week to August 18, 2015]

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6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THE AUGUST 11TH, 2015 MEETING OF THE
7 LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL BEGIN. WE'LL
8 FIRST BE LED IN PRAYER BY SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS FROM
9 THE SECOND SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT AND OUR PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
10 BY PETER ROMAN, OF OUR DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS
11 AFFAIRS. DR. MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS.

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WILL YOU PLEASE RISE? MR. MAYOR, MEMBERS
14 OF THE BOARD, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THE NAME OF BENJAMIN
15 ELIJAH MAYS MAY BE FAMILIAR TO SOME AS ONE OF THE PREEMINENT
16 SOCIOLOGISTS OF RELIGION, MORE NOTED AS THE PRESIDENT OF
17 MOREHOUSE COLLEGE FOR SOME 27 YEARS, THE MENTOR TO DR. MARTIN
18 LUTHER KING, JR. OFTEN, HE SPOKE WITH THE STUDENTS AT
19 MOREHOUSE COLLEGE ON A RANGE OF ISSUES. BUT HE LEFT THEM WITH
20 A PRAYER. THE PRAYER WAS ONE OF HIS FAVORITES WRITTEN BY LOUIS
21 UNTERMEYER, THE GREAT AMERICAN LITERARY FIGURE, POET, CRITIC,
22 ANTHOLOGIST. AND IT'S SIMPLY KNOWN AS "PRAYER", WRITTEN IN THE
23 EARLY 20TH CENTURY. "HEAR YE THIS. GOD, THOUGH LIGHT IS BUT A
24 WRAITH ALTHOUGH WE KNOW NOT WHAT WE USE. ALTHOUGH WE GROPE
25 WITH LITTLE FAITH, GIVE ME THE HEART TO FIGHT AND TO LOSE.

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1 EVER INSURGENT, LET ME BE. MAKE ME MORE DARING THAN DEVOUT.
2 FROM SLEEK CONTENTMENT KEEP ME FREE AND FILL ME WITH BUOYANT
3 DOUBT. OPEN MY EYES TO VISIONS GIRT WITH BEAUTY AND WITH
4 WONDER LIT. BUT ALWAYS LET ME SEE THE DIRT AND ALL THAT SPAWN
5 AND DIE IN IT. OPEN MY EARS TO MUSIC. LET ME THRILL WITH
6 SPRING'S FIRST FLUTES AND DRUMS. BUT NEVER LET ME DARE FORGET
7 THE BITTER BALLADS OF THE SLUMS. FROM COMPROMISE AND THINGS
8 HALF DONE, KEEP ME WITH STERN AND STUBBORN PRIDE. AND WHEN AT
9 LAST THE FIGHT IS WON, GOD KEEP ME STILL UNSATISFIED. AMEN.

10

11 **PETER ROMAN:** PLEASE REMAIN STANDING. FACE THE FLAG AND JOIN ME
12 IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE RECITED.]

13

14 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. C.E.O.:** GOOD MORNING, MR. MAYOR.
15 GOOD MORNING, MR. MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. WE WILL
16 BEGIN TODAY'S AGENDA ON PAGE 2, PRESENTATIONS AND SET MATTERS.
17 ON ITEM S-2, SUPERVISOR KNABE REQUESTS THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED
18 TO SEPTEMBER 8, 2015. ON ITEM S-3, SUPERVISOR KUEHL REQUESTS
19 THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TO SEPTEMBER 15, 2015. ON PAGE 4,
20 SPECIAL DISTRICT AGENDA, AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE
21 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION. ON ITEM 1-D, A MEMBER OF THE
22 PUBLIC REQUESTS THIS ITEM BE HELD. THIS ITEM IS BEFORE YOU.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY SUPERVISOR SHEILA KUEHL.
25 SECOND WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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2 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. C.E.O.:** ON PAGE 5, AGENDA FOR THE
3 MEETING OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY, ITEM 1-H. THIS ITEM IS
4 BEFORE YOU.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-
7 THOMAS. SECOND WITHOUT OBJECTION. SO ORDERED.

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9 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. C.E.O.:** ON PAGE 6, AGENDA FOR THE
10 MEETING OF THE REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT, ITEM 1-
11 P.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BY DON KNABE.
14 SECOND WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

15

16 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. C.E.O.:** ON PAGE 7, AGENDA FOR THE
17 MEETING OF THE REDEVELOPMENT REFUNDING AUTHORITY, ITEM 1-R.A.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS.
20 SECOND WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

21

22 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. C.E.O.:** ON PAGE 8, BOARD OF
23 SUPERVISORS, ITEMS 1 THROUGH 22. ON ITEM NO. 2, A MEMBER OF
24 THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 4,
25 SUPERVISOR KNABE AND A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS

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1 ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 5, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS
2 THAT THIS BE HELD. ON ITEMS NUMBER 6, 7 AND 8, MEMBER OR
3 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM
4 NO. 9, THIS INCLUDES THE REVISION AS INDICATED ON THE
5 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. AND ON THIS ITEM, SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND
6 ANTONOVICH AND A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM
7 BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 10, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT
8 THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 12, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND
9 KNABE REQUEST THIS ITEM BE HELD. AND ON THIS ITEM, SUPERVISOR
10 KNABE ABSTAINS FROM THE VOTE. ON ITEM NO. 3, SUPERVISOR
11 ANTONOVICH ABSTAINS FROM THE VOTE AND THIS ITEM WILL BE HELD
12 FOR A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC. I'M SORRY. THAT WAS ITEM 13.
13 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH ABSTAINS FROM THE VOTE AND ON THIS ITEM,
14 A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON
15 ITEM NO. 14, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH WILL ABSTAIN FROM THE VOTE,
16 AND ON THIS ITEM, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THIS
17 ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 17, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT
18 THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 17, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS
19 THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 18, SUPERVISOR KNABE REQUESTS
20 THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED THREE WEEKS TO SEPTEMBER 1, 2015. ON
21 ITEM NO. 19, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THIS BE
22 HELD. ON ITEM NO. 20, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THIS
23 ITEM BE HELD. THE REMAINING ITEMS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
24 ARE BEFORE YOU.

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR SHEILA KUEHL MOVES. SECOND.

2 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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4 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. C.E.O.:** PAGE 20, CONSENT

5 CALENDAR, ITEMS 23 THROUGH 46.

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7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** JUST A POINT OF CLARIFICATION, IF I MAY,

8 MR. MAYOR.

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10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR?

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12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WHAT'S THE STATUS OF ITEM NO. 18?

13

14 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. C.E.O.:** ON NO. 18? SUPERVISOR

15 KNABE REQUESTS THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED THREE WEEKS TO SEPTEMBER

16 1, 2015.

17

18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** YEAH, BUT THE ATTEMPT HERE IS TO CONTINUE

19 IT. I'M NOT PREPARED TO--

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** DO YOU WANT TO HOLD IT AND TALK ON IT?

22

23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** YEAH, I THINK WE SHOULD.

24

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION TO RECONSIDER 18 BY SUPERVISOR
2 MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS. SECOND WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

3

4 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. C.E.O.:** OKAY. BACK TO THE CONSENT
5 CALENDAR, ITEMS 23 THROUGH 46. ITEM 23, 24 AND 25 WILL BE HELD
6 FOR A MEMBER OR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC. ON ITEM 26, SUPERVISOR
7 ANTONOVICH AND A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM
8 BE HELD. ON ITEM 28, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND A MEMBER OF THE
9 PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 29, AS
10 INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH
11 SERVICES REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TO SEPTEMBER 15,
12 2015. ON ITEM 31, 34 AND 40, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS
13 THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 42, THIS ITEM WILL BE-- ON
14 THIS ITEM, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE
15 HELD. ON ITEM 44, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THIS
16 ITEM BE HELD. THE REMAINING ITEMS UNDER THE CONSENT CALENDAR
17 ARE BEFORE YOU.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY SUPERVISOR DON KNABE. SECOND
20 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

21

22 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. C.E.O.:** ON PAGE 30, ORDINANCE FOR
23 INTRODUCTION, ITEM 47. THIS IS AN ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION
24 AMENDING COUNTY CODE TITLE 6, SALARIES, BY ADDING, DELETING
25 AND/OR CHANGING CERTAIN SALARIES, CLASSIFICATIONS AND NUMBERS

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1 OF ORDINANCE POSITIONS IN VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS. AND ON THIS
2 ITEM, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD.
3 THIS ITEM IS BEFORE YOU-- OH NO, I'M SORRY. THIS ITEM WILL BE
4 HELD. DISCUSSION ITEM, ITEM NO. 48, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS
5 REQUESTS THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO AUGUST 18, 2015.
6 ON PAGE 31, MISCELLANEOUS, ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA WHICH WERE
7 POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING AS
8 INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 49-A, A MEMBER
9 OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THIS BE HELD. 49-B IS BEFORE YOU.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SO MOVED. SECOND BY SUPERVISOR MARK
12 RIDLEY-THOMAS. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

13

14 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. C.E.O.:** ON ITEM 49-C, SUPERVISOR
15 KNABE REQUESTS THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED THREE WEEKS TO SEPTEMBER
16 1, 2015. AND ON THIS ITEM, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, RIDLEY-THOMAS,
17 ANTONOVICH AND A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM
18 BE HELD. ON ITEM 49-D, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT
19 THIS ITEM BE HELD. AND 49-E, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH REQUESTS
20 THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON 49-F, THIS ITEM IS BEFORE YOU.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR SHEILA KUEHL MOVES. SECOND
23 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

24

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1 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. C.E.O.:** THAT COMPLETES THE
2 READING OF THE AGENDA. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SPECIAL ITEMS
3 BEGIN WITH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT NO. 4.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET ME FIRST, WE HAVE A CONSUL GENERAL
6 HERE I WANT TO RECOGNIZE. BUT ALSO BE ADVISED THAT THE PUBLIC
7 COMMENT IS ALLOWED MUST BE RELATED TO THE MATTER ON THE AGENDA
8 OR MATTER WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE BOARD. FAILURE TO
9 CONFORM TO SUCH RULE MAY CONSTITUTE A DISRUPTION, IF REPEATED,
10 LEAD TO REMOVAL OF THE SPEAKER FROM THE BOARD HEARING. THE
11 BOARD RULES AND PROCEDURES CONCERNING PUBLIC COMMENT ARE
12 CURRENTLY UNDER REVIEW, AND THAT REVIEW WILL BE FINALIZED
13 SHORTLY. AND WHEN THAT ACTION IS TAKEN, THE ACTION TAKEN LAST
14 WEEK REGARDING THE BANNING OF AN INDIVIDUAL FROM THE BOARD
15 HEARING FOR 60 DAYS IS SUSPENDED AT THIS TIME. SO LET ME
16 RECOGNIZE-- I'M VERY PLEASED TODAY TO HAVE THE HONORABLE MARIN
17 DIMITROV, WHO WAS CONSUL GENERAL OF BULGARIA IN LOS ANGELES
18 COUNTY. HE FIRST TOOK OVER AS HEAD OF THE CONSULATE IN
19 SEPTEMBER 2011 WITH JURISDICTION OVER 11 WESTERN STATES
20 INCLUDING ALASKA AND HAWAII. THE CONSULATE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR
21 DELIVERING SERVICES TO A COMMUNITY OF MORE THAN 100,000
22 BULGARIANS AND BULGARIAN AMERICANS. THE CONSUL GENERAL HAS
23 BEEN ACTUALLY PROMOTING THE BENEFITS OF THE PROPOSED
24 TRANSATLANTIC TRADE AND INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP, T.T.I.P.,
25 WHICH ENCOURAGES TRADE AND FINANCIAL RELATIONS BETWEEN THE

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1 UNITED STATES AND THE EUROPEAN UNION. HE ALSO PROMOTED
2 EUROPEAN CULTURE BY PARTICIPATING IN THE ANNUAL E.U. FILM
3 FESTIVAL WHICH SHOWCASES THE BEST MOTION PICTURES FROM
4 COUNTRIES IN THE EUROPEAN UNION. HE'S ALSO PROMOTED BILATERAL
5 TRADE BETWEEN LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND BULGARIA, RESPONSIBLE FOR
6 THE INITIATION AND ADOPTION OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
7 BETWEEN THE L.A. AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND THE BULGARIAN
8 CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY THAT OPENS UP BUSINESS
9 OPPORTUNITIES FOR COMPANIES IN BOTH OF OUR COUNTRIES. HE'S
10 ALSO LED TO THE PRODUCTION OF A SERIES OF EXHIBITIONS IN
11 CALIFORNIA, NEVADA AND WASHINGTON STATE TO SHOWCASE BULGARIA'S
12 CULTURAL AND HISTORICAL BACKGROUND. SO ON BEHALF OF OUR 10
13 MILLION PLUS CITIZENS, CONSUL GENERAL, WE WANT TO WELCOME YOU
14 AND GIVE YOU THIS PROCLAMATION. [APPLAUSE.]

15

16 **HON. MARIN DIMITROV:** YOUR HONORABLE MR. ANTONOVICH,
17 SUPERVISORS, FOR ME IT'S BEEN AN HONOR TO BE IN LOS ANGELES TO
18 REPRESENT MY COUNTRY FOR THE PAST FOUR YEARS. WE HAVE DONE A
19 LOT OF WORK TOGETHER WITH OUR AMERICAN FRIENDS, BOTH ON THE
20 POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL AREAS. BULGARIA IS NOW A
21 STRONG ALLY OF THE UNITED STATES IN THE REGION OF THE
22 SOUTHEAST EUROPE. UNITED STATES HAS SEVERAL MILITARY
23 FACILITIES IN BULGARIA. WE COOPERATE TO COMBAT TERRORISM. WE
24 FIGHT WITH OUR FELLOW SOLDIERS FROM N.A.T.O. SO THAT MEANS IF
25 WE BLEED TOGETHER, WE'RE GOOD FRIENDS. ON THE ECONOMIC SIDE,

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1 VERY STRONG LINKS BETWEEN THE EUROPEAN UNION AND THE WEST
2 COAST. WE FEEL THAT IF THERE IS BUSINESS GOING ON, TRADE AND
3 INVESTMENT, THAT'S THE BEST CEMENT IN OUR RELATIONSHIP. I LOOK
4 FORWARD TO CONTINUING THE WORK WHEN I GO BACK TO BULGARIA. MY
5 SUCCESSOR WILL KEEP ON THE GOOD WORK. HOPEFULLY IN THE FUTURE,
6 WE CAN TALK ABOUT TWINNING BETWEEN CITIES BETWEEN THE LOS
7 ANGELES AREA AND BULGARIA. I WELCOME EVERYBODY WHEN THEY COME
8 TO EUROPE TO VISIT MY LITTLE COUNTRY AND ENJOY THE TOURISM
9 FACILITIES IT HAS TO OFFER. YOU'VE BEEN VERY GOOD FRIENDS TO
10 ME AND MY TEAM. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. GOD BLESS YOU ALL.
11 [APPLAUSE.]

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** HILDA? SUPERVISOR DON KNABE?

14

15 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR, MEMBERS. BOARD. AT THIS TIME
16 I'M PLEASED TO RECOGNIZE OUR DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
17 CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES, MR. PHILIP BROWNING. FOR THE
18 LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT-- ALL RIGHT-- [APPLAUSE.] YOU REALLY
19 PACKED THE AUDIENCE, HUH? [LAUGHTER.] ANYWAY, THIS IS A VERY
20 SPECIAL MOMENT. HE HAS RECEIVED A LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
21 EARLIER THIS SUMMER FROM THE NETWORK OF SOCIAL WORK
22 MANAGEMENT. IT'S A VERY PRESTIGIOUS AWARD AND PRESENTED TO
23 CHILD WELFARE LEADERS WHOSE INNOVATION AND ACTION HAVE BROUGHT
24 ABOUT VERY POSITIVE SOCIAL CHANGE AND WHO HAVE INSPIRED OTHERS
25 TO DO THE SAME. AND I WAS INFORMED THIS MORNING, THIS IS NOT

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1 SOMETHING THAT'S GIVEN OUT EACH AND EVERY YEAR. HE IS THE
2 SIXTH ONLY RECIPIENT EVER OF THIS VERY KIND AWARD. WE HAVE ALL
3 KNOWN AND WORKED WITH PHILIP FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS, STARTING
4 WHEN HE WAS DIRECTOR OF THE CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES. THEN ON AS
5 DIRECTOR OF D.P.S.S. RIGHT UP TO HIS CURRENT LOW PROFILE JOB
6 AS DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES.
7 [LAUGHTER.] I CANNOT THINK OF AN INDIVIDUAL MORE DESERVING TO
8 BE RECOGNIZED FOR HIS INCREDIBLE LEADERSHIP THAT HE HAS SHOWN
9 IN EACH OF THESE DEPARTMENTS. WE ALSO WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE DEAN
10 MARILYN FLYNN OF U.S.C. SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK WHO NOMINATED
11 PHILIP FOR THIS AWARD. NOW I WILL TURN IT OVER TO MY
12 COLLEAGUE, SHEILA KUEHL.

13

14 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KNABE. I JUST WANT TO
15 ADD A FEW WORDS FOR MR. BROWNING. IT'S A GREAT PLEASURE TO
16 RECOGNIZE THE GENTLEMAN WHO HAS THE MOST DIFFICULT JOB IN THE
17 COUNTY IF MY OPINION, IF NOT IN THE WHOLE COUNTRY. AND IN
18 ADDITION TO THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS THAT SUPERVISOR KNABE JUST
19 SHARED WITH US, PHILIP BROWNING'S BEEN AT THE HELM OF
20 D.C.F.S., THE LARGEST CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM, FOR 3-1/2 YEARS.
21 WE TALK ABOUT CAT YEARS AND HOW THAT COMPARES? IN D.C.F.S.
22 DIRECTOR YEARS, THAT'S ABOUT 50 YEARS. I THINK IT CERTAINLY
23 FEELS THAT WAY. SINCE HE BEGAN, PHILIP HAS PROVIDED THIS
24 DEPARTMENT WITH LEADERSHIP, STABILITY, FOCUS AND INTEGRITY.
25 AND IT WAS A TIME WHEN THOSE VIRTUES WERE NEEDED THE MOST.

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1 HE'S LED THE CHARGE FOR REDUCED CASELOADS, STATE-OF-THE-ART
2 TRAINING FOR NEW SOCIAL WORKERS AND MUCH MORE COMPREHENSIVE
3 ANALYSES OF TRAGIC CHILD FATALITIES. MOST IMPORTANTLY, HE
4 SEEMS UNFLAPPABLE. SOMETIMES HARD TO UNDERSTAND THAT SOUTHERN
5 ACCENT, I HAVE TO ADMIT. ASK ME FOR A PEN AND I THINK HE ASKED
6 ME FOR A PIN. BUT I'M VERY, VERY HONORED TO PRESENT HIM WITH A
7 SCROLL FOR HIS EARNING THE CHAUNCEY ALEXANDER LIFETIME
8 ACHIEVEMENT AWARD. CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE.]

9

10 **PHILIP BROWNING:** SUPERVISORS, I REALLY APPRECIATE THIS
11 RECOGNITION. I ALSO APPRECIATE DEAN FLYNN FOR HER
12 THOUGHTFULNESS EARLIER THIS YEAR WHERE SHE GOT A NUMBER OF
13 INDIVIDUALS TO GO ON RECORD TOWARD MY NOMINATION FOR THIS
14 REALLY PRESTIGIOUS AWARD. NOTHING COULD BE DONE WITHOUT SO
15 MANY PEOPLE TO HELP ME. AND THE PEOPLE BEHIND ME ARE THE
16 EXECUTIVE TEAM FROM D.C.F.S., AND MY WIFE, CLAIRE. I
17 APPRECIATE HER COMING IN. IT WAS A REAL SURPRISE WHEN SHE
18 SHOWED UP THIS MORNING. I WAS NOT EXPECTING HER. BUT I'M
19 CERTAINLY PLEASED TO HAVE HER HERE. I THINK THERE ARE A NUMBER
20 OF PEOPLE WHO THROUGHOUT THIS COUNTY HAVE REALLY HELPED ME.
21 SOME OF YOU KNOW STEVEN GOLIGHTLY, CHERYL SPILLER, PHIL
22 ANSELL, LISA GARRETT, FESIA DAVENPORT. THOSE ARE JUST A FEW OF
23 THE INDIVIDUALS IN ADDITION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WHO
24 HAVE SUPPORTED ME FOR SO LONG AND I THINK SUPERVISOR KUEHL WAS
25 CORRECT THAT THE LIFETIME FOR A CHILD WELFARE DIRECTOR IS

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1 PRETTY SHORT. THERE HAVE BEEN 17 OR SO IN THE LAST 30 YEARS.
2 AND SO I'M REALLY APPRECIATIVE TO HAVE GOTTEN THIS AWARD. AND
3 IT'S ONLY BECAUSE OF THE HARD WORK OF THE INDIVIDUALS BEHIND
4 ME AND THOSE I NAMED AND OTHERS IN THE AUDIENCE. WE HAVE ABOUT
5 8,000 SOCIAL WORKERS AND SUPPORT STAFF WHO TOIL EVERY DAY TO
6 IMPROVE THE LIVES OF CHILDREN. AND I'M GOING TO ACCEPT THIS ON
7 BEHALF OF ALL OF THEM. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH. APPRECIATE IT.
8 [APPLAUSE.] BEFORE WE GO, A SURPRISE ENTRANCE, SHE LIKES TO
9 MAKE A DRAMATIC ENTRANCE, AND HERE SHE IS, DR. FLYNN.
10 [APPLAUSE.]

11

12 **MARILYN FLYNN:** UNFORTUNATELY, I DON'T KNOW EXACTLY WHAT
13 HAPPENED BEFORE I GOT HERE, BUT I KNOW SOMETHING REALLY GOOD
14 WAS SAID ABOUT YOU. AND I WANT TO EXPRESS AS PRESIDENT OF THE
15 BOARD FOR THE NATIONAL NETWORK, I WANT TO SAY WHAT AN
16 ENTHUSIASTIC ENDORSEMENT THAT MR. BROWNING RECEIVED WHEN WE
17 ASKED FOR RECOMMENDATIONS NOT JUST FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF
18 CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES BUT FROM OTHER PUBLIC
19 INSTITUTIONS FOR WHICH HE HAS WORKED. HE'S REALLY BEEN
20 UNIVERSALLY ENDORSED, AND I THINK WE CAN BE VERY PROUD OF HIS
21 LEADERSHIP IN L.A. COUNTY. AND THANK YOU, MR. BROWNING.
22 [APPLAUSE.]

23

24 **SUP. KNABE:** NOW IT'S MY PLEASURE TO ASK DR. MARVIN SOUTHARD,
25 DIRECTOR OF OUR MENTAL HEALTH AND HIS STAFF TO JOIN ME.

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1 [APPLAUSE.] SO YOU STACKED THE DECK, TOO, HUH MARVIN?

2 [LAUGHTER.] THE FREEDOMS THAT WE ENJOY EACH AND EVERY DAY ARE

3 A TRIBUTE TO THE SERVICE AND SACRIFICE OF THE MEN AND WOMEN

4 WHO HAVE BRAVELY WON THE UNIFORM OF THE UNITED STATES OF

5 AMERICA. THEY NOT ONLY DESERVE OUR GRATITUDE, BUT AT THE VERY

6 LEAST THEY DESERVE A DECENT HOME TO COME TO AND EFFECTIVE CARE

7 WHEN THEY AND THEIR FAMILIES ARE IN CRISIS. AND THAT IS WHAT

8 THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH'S VETERANS AND LOVED ONES

9 RECOVERY PROGRAM DOES. THE PROGRAM IS CALLED VALOR FOR SHORT.

10 THE VALOR PROGRAM PROVIDES OUTREACH AND ENGAGEMENT FOR

11 HOMELESS VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES WITH SERIOUS MENTAL

12 ILLNESS AND/OR CO-OCCURRING ISSUES. IN ADDITION TO FINDING

13 HOMES FOR VETS, THE PROGRAM PROVIDES CLINICAL SERVICES

14 INCLUDING INDIVIDUAL, FAMILY AND GROUP COUNSELING, ONGOING

15 CASE MANAGEMENT AND CRISIS INTERVENTION. THE VALOR PROGRAM

16 ALSO HELPS VETS THROUGH THE SOMETIMES CONFUSING AND

17 INTIMIDATING PROCESS OF APPLYING FOR SERVICE-RELATED BENEFITS,

18 BENEFITS THAT THEY HAVE EARNED BUT WOULD BE OUT OF REACH HAD

19 IT NOT BEEN FOR THE ASSISTANCE PROVIDED BY THE DEDICATED STAFF

20 OF VALOR. THE SUCCESS OF THE VALOR PROGRAM HAS NOT GONE

21 UNNOTICED AND I'M PROUD TO ANNOUNCE THAT THE VALOR PROGRAM WAS

22 RECENTLY AWARDED THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY

23 GOVERNMENTS 2015 NATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD. IT IS RECOGNIZED

24 AS A MODEL FOR OTHER COUNTIES THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES. SO

25 PLEASE JOIN ME IN CONGRATULATING AND THANKING THE DEPARTMENT

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1 OF MENTAL HEALTH AND THE VALOR TEAM FOR THEIR VERY SUCCESSFUL
2 AND DEDICATION AND COMPASSION TO HELPING THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED
3 US SO WELL, OUR VETERANS. CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE]

4

5 **DR. MARVIN SOUTHARD:** I THINK OF OUR VALOR PROGRAM AS THE
6 CHAMELEON OF PROGRAMS BECAUSE IT CHANGES AND ADAPTS DEPENDING
7 UPON WHAT THE VETERANS NEED. IF THEY NEED HOUSING, IT SUPPLIES
8 HOUSING VOUCHERS. IF THEY NEED CONNECTION TO THEIR V.A.
9 BENEFITS, IT PROVIDES THAT. BUT IF THE VETERANS AND THEIR
10 FAMILIES HAPPEN TO NEED CLINICAL SERVICES, THE VALOR PROGRAM
11 IS ABLE TO GO BEYOND LINKAGE AND ACTUALLY PROVIDES SERVICES,
12 WHICH IT DOES BOTH AT PATRIOTIC HALL IN PARTNERSHIP WITH OUR
13 DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AND MILITARY AFFAIRS, BUT IT ALSO HAS
14 THE CAPACITY TO REACH OUT AND PROVIDE SERVICES TO VETERANS AND
15 THEIR FAMILIES THROUGHOUT THE COMMUNITY. SO THAT'S WHY THIS
16 PROGRAM IS SUCH A MODEL, BECAUSE IT LINKS TOGETHER ALL OF THE
17 DISPARATE THINGS THAT ARE NECESSARY FOR VETERANS TO THRIVE.
18 AND WE'RE HOPING THAT OUR VALOR PROGRAM CAN GROW IN THE FUTURE
19 SO IT CAN SERVE EVER MORE VETERANS. I WANT TO THANK THE BOARD
20 FOR SUPPORTING THIS PROGRAM AND TO THE STAFF OF THE VALOR
21 PROGRAM, PARTICULARLY DR. MCNIGHT, FOR HIS LEADERSHIP IN
22 MAKING THIS A NATIONAL MODEL. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** TODAY WE'RE GOING TO RECOGNIZE AUGUST
25 AS ADOPT A CHILD WITH MEDICAL NEEDS MONTH IN THE COUNTY OF LOS

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1 ANGELES. WE'RE RECOGNIZING DANA BENNETT, A FOSTER MOTHER WITH
2 A CHILD WITH MEDICAL NEEDS. BEING A FOSTER PARENT TAKES A
3 SPECIAL PERSON, BUT BEING A FOSTER PARENT TO A CHILD WHO IS
4 MEDICALLY FRAGILE REQUIRES A LARGE COMMITMENT AND LOVE. EVERY
5 CHILD DESERVES A FAMILY THAT LOVES AND CARES FOR THEM DESPITE
6 MEDICAL NEEDS THAT REQUIRES AROUND-THE-CLOCK CARE. SO WE WANT
7 ONCE AGAIN TO RECOGNIZE DANA FOR HER COMMITMENT TO CARING FOR
8 HER DAUGHTER SHELLY AND FOR ENCOURAGING OTHERS TO ADOPT
9 MEDICALLY FRAGILE KIDS. [APPLAUSE.]

10

11 **DANA BENNETT:** I GUESS I JUST WANT TO SAY THANK YOU TO EVERY
12 SINGLE PERSON WHO WORKS FOR D.C.F.S. AND THE WORK YOU DO TO
13 HELP PROTECT THE CHILDREN AND TO FIND THEM HOMES WHEN THEY
14 CAN'T GO HOME TO THE FAMILY THEY WERE BORN INTO. IT'S JUST
15 BEEN A BLESSING TO ME TO BE ABLE TO HAVE THE HONOR OF RAISING
16 THIS YOUNG LADY. AND THESE THREE OTHER CHILDREN THAT I HAVE
17 THROUGH D.C.F.S. THE WORK YOU GUYS DO, I KNOW YOU'RE
18 OVERWORKED AND LOTS OF CASELOADS AND SO MUCH BUT THE TIME YOU
19 PUT INTO EACH KID REALLY MAKES A DIFFERENCE IN THE LONG RUN.
20 SO THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THIS IS ALSO NATIONAL HEALTH CENTER
23 WORK. TODAY WE WELCOME LOUISE MCCARTHY WHO IS THE PRESIDENT
24 AND C.E.O. OF THE COMMUNITY CLINICS ASSOCIATION OF LOS ANGELES
25 COUNTY TO CELEBRATE NATIONAL HEALTH CENTER WEEK IN OUR COUNTY.

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1 [APPLAUSE.] THIS WEEK HONORS THE SERVICE CONTRIBUTIONS OF
2 COMMUNITY CLINICS AND PUBLIC HEALTH CENTERS IN PROVIDING
3 AFFORDABLE, QUALITY HEALTHCARE TO ALL PEOPLE IN LOS ANGELES
4 COUNTY, REGARDLESS OF THEIR ABILITY TO PAY OR THEIR EMPLOYMENT
5 STATUS. THESE ARE PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS. THE COMMUNITY
6 CLINIC ASSOCIATION AND ITS 56 MEMBERS HAVE SERVED MORE THAN
7 1.4 MILLION MEDICALLY UNDERSERVED COUNTY RESIDENTS EACH YEAR,
8 INCLUDING COMPREHENSIVE, HIGH-QUALITY CARE INCLUDING PRIMARY
9 CARE, BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE, DENTAL SERVICES AND HEALTH
10 EDUCATION CLASSES. SO CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE.]

11

12 **LOUISE MCCARTHY:** THANK YOU, ALL. THANK YOU, MAYOR ANTONOVICH.
13 AND THANK YOU TO EACH OF THE SUPERVISORS FOR ALL THAT YOU DO
14 IN SUPPORT OF COMMUNITY CLINICS AND HEALTH CENTERS ACROSS L.A.
15 COUNTY, FROM LANCASTER DOWN TO LONG BEACH, FROM VENICE ALL THE
16 WAY INTO THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY. MORE THAN 1.4 MILLION
17 PATIENTS AND GROWING. WE ARE CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF A
18 MOVEMENT THIS YEAR. 50 YEARS OF BEING CONDUITS FOR HEALTH,
19 CONDUITS FOR CARE AND CONDUITS FOR CHANGE IN OUR COMMUNITIES,
20 AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO 50 MORE WORKING WITH ALL OF YOU. THANK
21 YOU ALL VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** TODAY WE ARE ALSO GOING TO BE
24 RECOGNIZING ALEX TORTES, CO-CHAIR OF THE AMERICAN INDIAN AND
25 ALASKA NATIVE VETERANS MONUMENT COMMITTEE, RECOGNIZING THE

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1 ORGANIZATION FOR THEIR EFFORTS IN HONORING THE LIVES OF
2 AMERICAN INDIAN AND ALASKA NATIVE INDIANS VETERANS WHO HAVE
3 SERVED THEIR COUNTRY PROUDLY SINCE WORLD WAR I. THE PURPOSE OF
4 THE ORGANIZATION IS TO RAISE AWARENESS AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT
5 TO BUILD THE AMERICAN INDIAN VETERANS MONUMENT AT RIVERSIDE
6 NATIONAL CEMETERY. CURRENTLY, THERE'S NO NATIONAL MONUMENT
7 DEDICATED TO AMERICAN INDIAN AND ALASKA NATIVE VETERANS IN OUR
8 COUNTRY. WHEN BUILT, THE MONUMENT WILL BE THE FIRST NATIONAL
9 MEMORIAL TO SPECIFICALLY HONOR THE SERVICE OF AMERICAN INDIAN
10 AND ALASKA NATIVE VETERANS AT ANY OF OUR NATIONAL CEMETERIES.
11 SO THEY WERE PARTICIPATING IN OUR VETERANS PROGRAM THAT I DO
12 EACH WEEK DURING A MEMORIAL DAY AT ARCADIA PARK WHERE WE HAVE
13 ABOUT 7 TO 10,000 VETERANS AND FRIENDS COME AND PARTICIPATE IN
14 THE CEREMONIES. AND WE'RE VERY PLEASED THAT FRITZ COLEMAN EACH
15 YEAR IS OUR MASTER OF CEREMONIES. THAT'S WHERE I FIRST MET
16 THEM. AND I TOLD THEM WE WOULD TRY TO HELP THEM. TODAY WE ARE
17 BRINGING RECOGNITION TO THE PEOPLE NOT JUST IN THE BOARD OF
18 SUPERVISORS HEARING ROOM BUT THOSE WHO ARE WATCHING ON
19 TELEVISION, THAT THEY CAN HELP PARTICIPATE IN MAKING THAT
20 MONUMENT A REALITY. SO LET ME GIVE THIS PROCLAMATION, THEN
21 WE'LL SAY A FEW WORDS.

22
23 **ALEX TORTES:** I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH FOR MAKING
24 THIS POSSIBLE AND ALL THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE L.A. COUNTY
25 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR BEING THE FIRST MAJOR CITY IN THE

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1 UNITED STATES TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE NEED TO HAVE THIS MONUMENT
2 ESTABLISHED. AND I WANT TO THANK ALL OF YOU FOR COMING OUT.
3 THIS IS LONG OVERDUE. IT'S BEEN NEEDED FOR A VERY LONG TIME.
4 AND WITH THE SUPPORT OF YOUR CITY, SINCE YOU DO HAVE THE
5 LARGEST-- SECOND LARGEST POPULATION, OR THE LARGEST
6 POPULATIONS OF NATIVE AMERICANS ON THE WEST COAST, WE WANT TO
7 THANK YOU ON BEHALF OF ALL OF THOSE 111,000 VETERANS THAT HAVE
8 PROVIDED SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

9 [APPLAUSE.]

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** TELEMUNDO, K.V.E.A, CLEAR THE SHELTERS
12 PROGRAM. TODAY WE'RE WELCOMING THE VICE PRESIDENT OF COMMUNITY
13 RELATIONS FROM TELEMUNDO, LIZETTE CARBAJAL, AND TERRI ROSALES.
14 VICE PRESIDENT COMMUNITY RELATIONS FOR N.B.C.4, CHANNEL 4, TO
15 KICK OFF NATIONAL CLEAR THE SHELTERS WEEK. [APPLAUSE.] N.B.C.
16 AND TELEMUNDO HAVE TEAMED UP WITH THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES,
17 DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL. AND 50 ANIMAL SHELTERS
18 ACROSS THE NATION AT ITS FIRST BILINGUAL PET ADOPTION
19 INITIATIVE. CLEAR THE SHELTERS AIMS TO RAISE AWARENESS OF THE
20 MANY BENEFITS OF PET ADOPTION AND FIND HOMES FOR THE MILLIONS
21 OF PETS IN OUR SHELTERS. OUR COUNTY APPRECIATES THEIR EFFORTS
22 IN HELPING LOVING ANIMALS FIND LOVING HOMES FOR THE MILLIONS
23 OF ANIMALS THAT WE DO HAVE. SO LET ME GIVE THIS PROCLAMATION
24 AT THIS TIME TO TELEMUNDO. AND CHANNEL 4 THAT COVERS ALL OUR
25 EVENTS.

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2 **TERRI ROSALES:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND THE OTHER
3 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR YOUR ONGOING DEVOTION
4 TO THE HOMELESS ANIMALS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. YOU KNOW, WHEN
5 N.B.C.4 AND TELEMUNDO SET OUT TO LAUNCH THIS CAMPAIGN, WE HAD
6 A LOT OF DISCUSSIONS ABOUT WHAT IT WAS GOING TO TAKE TO ENLIST
7 THE COMMUNITY SUPPORT. AND I HAVE TO TELL YOU THAT ONE OF THE
8 FIRST FOLKS TO STAND UP AND COME ON BOARD AS THEIR PARTNER WAS
9 THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ANIMAL SERVICES WITH MARCIA MAYEDA
10 AND ALSO ON THE CITY SIDE, BRENDA BARNETT. AND I TELL YOU THAT
11 THEIR PARTNERSHIP HAS REALLY BEEN INCREDIBLE BECAUSE WE HAVE
12 BEEN ABLE TO SECURE 50 SHELTERS THROUGHOUT SOUTHERN
13 CALIFORNIA. AND IN ADDITION, BOTH OUR STATIONS FOR THE LAST
14 FEW WEEKS HAVE BEEN DEVOTING MUCH AIR TIME IN ADDITION TO OUR
15 BREAKING NEWS AND WEATHER AND INFORMATION THAT WE BRING YOU
16 DAILY, MANY, MANY STORIES ABOUT THE BENEFITS OF ADOPTING A
17 PET. THERE ARE THOUSANDS AND THOUSANDS OF HOMELESS ANIMALS
18 THROUGHOUT OUR AREA, AND WE HOPE THAT WITH ALL THE STORIES
19 THAT YOU'RE SEEING THIS WEEK, THAT ON THE 15TH, IT'LL
20 CULMINATE WITH MANY OF YOU COMING OUT AND ADOPTING A DOG, CAT,
21 A BUNNY, A REPTILE, WHATEVER IT MAY BE IN THE SHELTERS THAT
22 ARE REDUCING THEIR RATES SO THAT WE CAN FIND FOREVER HOMES FOR
23 THESE PETS. SO THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR GIVING US THIS INCREDIBLE
24 HONOR AND PLATFORM TO RAISE THE AWARENESS OF THIS IMPORTANT
25 CAUSE.

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2 **LIZETTE CARBAJAL:** THANK YOU AND JUST TO ECHO THE COMMENTS OF
3 MY COLLEAGUE TERRI, WE ARE REALLY PROUD AT TELEMUNDO TO
4 PARTNER ON THIS FIRST OF ITS KIND INITIATIVE WITH N.B.C.4, OUR
5 SISTER STATION, AND REALLY DO ENCOURAGE AND INVITE THE PUBLIC
6 TO COME AND JOIN US ON SATURDAY FROM 10 A.M. TO 6 P.M. AT 50
7 SHELTERS AROUND SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA TO REALLY HELP US FIND
8 THOSE PETS A NEW HOME. SO THANK YOU.

9

10 **MARSHA MAYEDA:** GOOD MORNING, I'D LIKE TO THANK OUR PARTNERS
11 HERE FOR THEIR LEADERSHIP IN GETTING THIS EVENT GOING. WE'VE
12 NEVER SEEN SUCH A LARGE ADOPTION EVENT AMONG SOUTHERN
13 CALIFORNIA AGENCIES AND WE ARE REALLY, REALLY EXCITED. THIS IS
14 THE BUSIEST TIME OF YEAR FOR ANIMAL SHELTERS. THERE ARE MANY
15 WONDERFUL ANIMALS LIKE CHIQUITA HERE WHO NEED GOOD HOMES THAT
16 WOULD MAKE WONDERFUL PETS. SO THE WE ENCOURAGE EVERYBODY TO
17 COME OUT AND ADOPT THEIR NEW FOREVER FAMILY MEMBER AT A
18 PARTICIPATING SHELTER. THANK YOU.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND THIS IS CHIQUITA WHO IS ALSO
21 LOOKING FOR A HOME. SHE'S FOUR YEARS OLD, A LITTLE CHIHUAHUA,
22 LITTLE GIRL. 562-728-4610 IF YOU'D LIKE TO CALL FOR LITTLE
23 CHIQUITA. IF YOU'D LIKE TO GO TO CHANNEL 4 MASCOT, OR
24 TELEMUNDO'S MASCOT. YOU'RE ONLY A COUPLE FLOORS APART. YOU
25 COULD SHARE HER. HILDA, DO YOU HAVE ANY PRESENTATIONS? SHEILA,

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1 DO YOU HAVE ANY PRESENTATIONS? MARK? OKAY. MR. PREVEN, 5, 6,
2 7, 8, 10, 17, 19, 20, 23, 24, 25, 31, 34, 42, 47. DR.
3 GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. 6, 13, 14. MR. ELIASBERG, NO. 2. GRACE
4 CHO, NO. 13. IF THEY'RE NOT HERE, ROBERT LUCAS. 2 AND 19.
5 LAURENCE NOLAN, NO. 40. DANIELLE WILDKRESS, NO. 2. KELLY
6 KUBOTA, 1-D. AND MR. SACHS, 10, 13, 19, 23, 47 AND I BELIEVE
7 THAT'S 40. YES, SIR.

8

9 **LAURENCE NOLAN:** LAURENCE NOLAN WITH AGRICULTURE COMMISSION ON
10 WEIGHTS AND MEASURES. HERE TO SPEAK ON ITEM NO. 40.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. YOU'RE ON.

13

14 **LAURENCE NOLAN:** IT WAS HELD BY A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC?

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** YES.

17

18 **LAURENCE NOLAN:** IT'S A RECURRENT CONTRACT THAT WE HAVE EVERY
19 YEAR WITH THE DIVISION OF MEASUREMENT STANDARDS TO CHECK THE
20 LABELING AND OIL FILLING PRODUCTS OF GAS STATIONS AND THE
21 SIGNAGE.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. YOU'RE JUST HERE TO ANSWER
24 QUESTIONS?

25

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1 **LAURENCE NOLAN:** YES, SIR.

2

3 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, SIR. DR. CLAVREUL? HOW
4 ABOUT WE'LL CALL HIM DR. LUCAS?

5

6 **ROBERT LUCAS:** NOT YET. GOOD MORNING, EVERYBODY. I MUST START
7 OUT, YOU KNOW, 50 YEARS AGO TODAY I WAS FIVE YEARS OLD. AND I
8 WAS BORN AND RAISED IN SOUTH CENTRAL LOS ANGELES. AND SOME OF
9 THE THINGS THAT I EXPERIENCED AS A FIVE-YEAR-OLD KID I
10 REMEMBER TO THIS DAY. MY GREAT GRANDFATHER LIVED AT MANCHESTER
11 AND ALAMEDA. MY GRANDMOTHER LIVED AT SANTA FE AND ROSECRANS. I
12 WATCHED SOME OF MY FRIENDS. I WATCHED SOME OF THE PEOPLE THAT
13 WERE VERY CLOSE TO ME THAT ACCEPTED ME IN AN AREA THAT I WAS
14 COMPLETELY DIFFERENT FROM EVERYBODY ELSE. AND I'VE WATCHED
15 THEM FIGHT AND STRUGGLE. IN FACT, I'VE WATCHED THAT CITY BURN.
16 IT WAS VERY CONFUSING AS A FIVE-YEAR-OLD CHILD. IT TOOK ME A
17 LONG TIME OF SELF-STRUGGLE AND SELF-ANALYSIS IN ORDER FOR ME
18 TO GET A HANDLE ON WHAT I WAS WITNESSING AND EXPERIENCING. AND
19 SOME OF THESE ISSUES EVEN TODAY COME OUT THAT HAVE BEEN PASSED
20 ALONG BY PEOPLE WHO WERE THERE AND EXPERIENCED IT AND HAVEN'T
21 LOOKED AT IT DEEP ENOUGH TO SETTLE THE ISSUE. I HAVE A LOT OF
22 LOVE IN MY HEART FOR THE CITY AND THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
23 BECAUSE THAT'S WHO I AM. I WAS BORN HERE. I PLAYED BASEBALL
24 HERE. I WENT TO JAIL HERE. I WENT TO PRISON HERE. THE VERY
25 SYSTEM THAT I ADORE TO THIS DAY IS THE SAME ONE THAT I FOUGHT

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1 WITH SUCH AUTHORITY ISSUES MY WHOLE LIFE BECAUSE I HAD A LACK
2 OF UNDERSTANDING OF WHO I WAS. THERE'S A LOT OF AGENDA ITEMS
3 THAT HAVE BEEN PUT FORTH IN THE LAST SIX TO EIGHT MONTHS, AS
4 LONG AS I'VE BEEN COMING HERE, THAT HAD THE PEOPLE THAT WERE
5 SITTING ON THIS BOARD AT THAT TIME HAD AN AWARENESS OF SOME OF
6 THE ISSUES THAT WE DEAL WITH TODAY, I MIGHT HAVE HAD A
7 DIFFERENT PATH. BUT DO YOU KNOW WHAT? I'M VERY GRATEFUL AND
8 THANKFUL FOR THE PATH THAT I DID TAKE BECAUSE IT TURNED ME
9 INTO AN INDIVIDUAL WHO CAN APPRECIATE PASSION, UNDERSTAND THE
10 CAUSE AND TO REALIZE THE MOST IMPORTANT PERSON IN MY LIFE IS
11 TRYING TO HELP SOMEBODY ELSE GET TO THE PLACE THAT I'M AT.
12 THIS WHOLE ROOM IS FULL OF PEOPLE THAT DEAL WITH THAT STRUGGLE
13 ON A DAILY BASIS. I GOT TO LISTEN TO THEIR STRUGGLES IN LINE.
14 I GOT TO LISTEN TO SOME OF THE ISSUES THAT I STILL GO THROUGH
15 TODAY. AND IT'S JUST SO IMPORTANT FOR ME TO MENTION TO
16 EVERYBODY IN THIS ROOM THAT THIS IS WHERE THE MIRACLE HAPPENS.
17 IN ORDER FOR IT TO HAPPEN, WE MUST BE HERE. WE MUST MAKE
18 OURSELVES KNOWN. AND WE MUST FIND A CAUSE BECAUSE I WILL NO
19 LONGER SELF-DESTRUCT. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MR. LUCAS, I WAS RAISED ON MANCHESTER
22 AND CENTRAL.

23

24 **ROBERT LUCAS:** THAT'S RIGHT. I KNEW I LIKED YOU FOR SOME
25 REASON.

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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** I WAS RAISED IN SOUTH CENTRAL L.A.
3 85TH STREET. DOCTOR?

4

5 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,
6 DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. ON ITEM NO. 4, I AM VERY PLEASED TO
7 SEE THAT ITEM BECAUSE I HAVE ONE PERSON WHO USE A LOT OF
8 SYRINGES AND SO ON AND IT IS VERY DIFFICULT TO BEING ABLE TO
9 RETURN THOSE USED SHARPS AND THE COUNTY RIGHT NOW HAS A PLACE
10 WHERE YOU CAN RETURN THE SHARPS BUT IT IS ONLY ON WEDNESDAY
11 AND FRIDAY-- MONDAY, WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY WHEN THEY FEEL LIKE
12 IT AND IT IS VERY DIFFICULT. TECHNICALLY THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO
13 EXCHANGE THE CONTAMINATED ONE FOR THE EMPTY ONE, BUT THEY VERY
14 SELDOM DO. I THINK THAT WOULD BE GREAT. AND I THINK TO PUT THE
15 PHARMACY, THE MANUFACTURER OF THE DRUG ON NOTICE TO PROVIDE
16 RETURN WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED, SAME AS THE PHARMACIES.
17 PHARMACY DON'T HAVE ANY WAY TO RETURN CONTAMINATED SHARPS. SO
18 IT'S NOT LIKE LAS VEGAS, IN EVERY BATHROOM YOU HAVE ONE. ON
19 ITEM 13, HAVING TO DO WITH VOTES, I'M ALWAYS CONCERNED WHEN I
20 SEE PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION BASED ON A POPULATION. I THINK
21 THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE IS IMPORTANT BUT I DON'T CARE ABOUT THE
22 COLOR, THE NATIONALITY OR WHATEVER. I THINK WE NEED PEOPLE WHO
23 ARE REPRESENTED, WHO ARE ABLE TO VOICE THEIR OPINION AND TO
24 VOTE. IT KIND OF SCARES ME HAVING TO DO WITH REPRESENTATIVE OF
25 THE POPULATION. ON ITEM 14, AND I'M GLAD TO SEE ALSO CHANGE. I

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1 THINK THEY ARE VERY IMPORTANT. I THINK WE NEED TO INCREASE
2 THAT POPULATION, TO UP THEIR MEDICATION AND SO ON SO I AM GLAD
3 TO SEE THAT ITEM ON OUR AGENDA. AND I THINK THAT'S ALL I HAVE
4 TO SPEAK. ALL THE OTHER ITEMS ARE HELD.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, DOCTOR. I AGREE WITH YOU.
7 YES, MA'AM.

8

9 **BETTY HUNG:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS BETTY HUNG, I'M THE
10 POLICY DIRECTOR AT ASIAN AMERICANS ADVANCING JUSTICE L.A. I'M
11 HERE TO SPEAK IN STRONG SUPPORT OF ITEM 13. THANK YOU TO
12 SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP IN
13 INTRODUCING THIS MOTION REGARDING RESTORING VOTING RIGHTS
14 TODAY. ADVANCING JUSTICE L.A., ALONG WITH THE SOUTHERN
15 CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE, FORMED A MULTIRACIAL DIVERSE
16 COALITION COMPOSED OF GROUPS LIKE M.A.L.A.O., HOME AND UNITED
17 METHODIST CHURCH, THE L.A. URBAN LEAGUE AND NUMEROUS OTHER
18 ORGANIZATIONS TO COMMEMORATE THE 50TH ANNIVERSARIES OF BOTH
19 THE VOTIGIN RIGHTS ACT AS WELL AS THE IMMIGRATION AND
20 NATIONALITY ACT. WE JUST CONCLUDED 9 DAYS OF FREEDOM WITH 13
21 EVENTS ACROSS THE CITY. AND WE'RE HERE TODAY TO SUPPORT MOTION
22 13 BECAUSE OF THE NEED TO STAND UP FOR VOTING RIGHTS TODAY.
23 THE VOTING RIGHTS ACT WAS PASSED BECAUSE OF THE BLOOD, SWEAT
24 AND TEARS, THE SACRIFICE AND STRUGGLE OF THOSE IN THE CIVIL
25 RIGHTS MOVEMENT, SOME OF WHOM LITERALLY LOST THEIR LIVES. YET

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1 50 YEARS LATER VOTING RIGHTS ARE UNDER ATTACK TODAY AND VOTERS
2 ACTUALLY FACE MORE DISCRIMINATION NOW THAN AT ANY OTHER TIME
3 IN THE PAST 50 YEARS. IN 2013, THE SUPREME COURT GUTTED THE
4 VOTING RIGHTS ACT IN THE SHELBY COUNTY CASE AND THE SUPREME
5 COURT MORE RECENTLY ANNOUNCED THAT IT WILL HEAR THE EVENWEL V.
6 ABBOTT CASE WHEREBY THE FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLE OF ONE PERSON,
7 ONE VOTE COULD BE UNDERMINED. SO INSTEAD OF COUNTING EVERYONE
8 IN THE POPULATION FOR REDISTRICTING PURPOSES, ONLY CITIZENS
9 ELIGIBLE TO VOTE WOULD BE COUNTED. THAT MEANS THAT MILLIONS OF
10 IMMIGRANTS, MILLIONS OF CHILDREN IN L.A. COUNTY AS WELL AS
11 ACROSS THE NATION WOULD NOT BE COUNTED AND WOULD BE
12 DISENFRANCHISED. AND SO WE STRONGLY SUPPORT SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
13 THOMAS'S MOTION TO STAND UP FOR VOTING RIGHTS BY, ONE,
14 ENDORSING THE VOTING RIGHTS ADVANCEMENT ACT OF 2015 THAT WAS
15 RECENTLY INTRODUCED IN CONGRESS AND THAT WOULD RESTORE THE
16 VOTING RIGHTS ACT. AND, TWO, FOR THE L.A. COUNTY TO ALSO FILE
17 AN AMICUS BRIEF IN THE EVENWELL VS. ABBOTT CASE TO AFFIRM AND
18 STAND UP FOR THE PRINCIPLE OF ONE PERSON, ONE VOTE. OUR
19 DEMOCRACY IS PREMISED UPON THIS FUNDAMENTAL RIGHT TO VOTE. AND
20 ENSURING THAT PEOPLE'S VOICES ARE HEARD. UNLESS WE STAND UP
21 FOR VOTING RIGHTS TODAY AND ENSURE THAT EVERYONE HAS THE
22 OPPORTUNITY TO TRULY PARTICIPATE IN OUR DEMOCRACY, OUR
23 FUNDAMENTAL IDEALS AS A NATION, AS A COUNTY WILL BE
24 UNDERMINED. SO WE URGE YOU ALL TO STAND UP FOR THE PROMISE OF

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1 AMERICA AND TO REALIZE OUR DEMOCRACY BY SUPPORTING SUPERVISOR
2 RIDLEY-THOMAS'S MOTION TODAY. THANK YOU SO MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. WE DON'T ALLOW APPLAUSE, BUT IF
5 YOU WANT TO SHOW YOUR SUPPORT, JUST LIFT THE ROOF. WE DO IT
6 THAT WAY. OKAY. THANK YOU. YES, MA'AM.

7

8 **GRACE CHO:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS GRACE CHO AND I AM WITH
9 THE K.W. LEE CENTER FOR LEADERSHIP. WE ARE AN ORGANIZATION
10 THAT IS PART OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE VOTING RIGHTS ACT
11 AND IMMIGRATION NATIONALITY ACT COALITION THAT BETTY IS ALSO A
12 PART OF WITH ASIAN AMERICANS ADVANCING JUSTICE I THINK SHE
13 SORT OF BROKE DOWN THE POLICY PRETTY WELL, SO I'M NOT GOING TO
14 GO INTO THAT, BUT I JUST KIND OF WANTED TO SPEAK. AS A YOUNG
15 PERSON, I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY THIS SUMMER TO WORK WITH OTHER
16 YOUNG PEOPLE. I WORKED WITH 12 HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS IN
17 KOREATOWN, AND JUST KIND OF TRYING TO GROW THEM IN THEIR
18 LEADERSHIP, IN THEIR CIVIC ENGAGEMENT. THESE ARE ASIAN
19 AMERICAN STUDENTS WHO OUR COMMUNITY SORT OF STRUGGLES IN TERMS
20 OF BEING ENGAGED IN POLITICAL ISSUES. I THINK IT WAS-- I
21 REALLY SAW FIRSTHAND THE WAYS THAT OUR YOUTH ARE REALLY
22 DISCONNECTED FROM THE POLITICAL PROCESS. AND FOR ME AS A YOUNG
23 PERSON, I SORT OF SEE THAT IN MYSELF AND KNOW THAT I WANT
24 PEOPLE MY AGE TO CARE ABOUT WHAT IS GOING ON IN THE SUPREME
25 COURT IN THIS ROOM, IN SACRAMENTO, ALL THAT KIND OF STUFF. I

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1 THINK THAT WHEN I HEAR ABOUT THE SUPREME COURT CASES, THE
2 SHELBY CASE IN 2013 AND THE ONE THAT'S COMING UP SOON, EVENWEL
3 V. ABBOTT, I'M CONCERNED FOR THE STATE OF OUR DEMOCRACY IN THE
4 SENSE THAT I THINK THAT VOTING RIGHTS ARE UNDER ATTACK. AND I
5 THINK IT WOULD BE A SHAME IF L.A. COUNTY DID NOT SORT OF PUT
6 FORTH A STRONG POSITION, SAYING THAT WE DON'T WANT THAT. WE
7 WANT TO STAND FOR SORT OF THE PRESERVATION AND THE PROTECTION
8 OF OUR DEMOCRATIC RIGHTS. SO WITH THAT, I JUST WANT TO
9 ENCOURAGE THE BOARD TO VOTE IN FAVOR OF MOTION 13 TO PROTECT
10 OUR VOTING RIGHTS, AND PROTECT OUR DEMOCRACY. THANK YOU VERY
11 MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU.

14

15 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING. ARNOLD SACHS. AND
16 I DID HOLD SEVERAL ITEMS. I HELD ITEM 10, MAKING THIS
17 DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES AN AWARD, AND I
18 BELIEVE LAST WEEK, YOU HAD SOMEBODY FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF
19 CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES. YOU GAVE HIM AN AWARD AND HE HAD
20 MENTIONED IN HIS SPEECH ABOUT HOW IF YOU HAVE A PROBLEM WITH
21 HOW YOUR CASE IS BEING HANDLED, YOU SHOULD COME DOWN AND VISIT
22 HIM. AND I WAS THINKING TO MYSELF-- WELL, I DIDN'T HAVE A
23 CHANCE LAST WEEK TO TALK ABOUT THIS ON THE AGENDA. HE SHOULD
24 SET UP AN OFFICE IN THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS BECAUSE SO MANY
25 PEOPLE COME BACK HERE AN ASK ABOUT HOW THEIR CHILDREN ARE

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1 BEING HANDLED BY D.C.F.S. I HELD ITEM 40, AND A GENTLEMAN WAS
2 UP HERE, ABOUT INSPECTIONS AT RETAIL GAS STATIONS. YOU KNOW,
3 THERE WAS AN ARTICLE IN YESTERDAY'S "WALL STREET JOURNAL"
4 ABOUT HOW PRODUCERS OF-- THE OIL COMPANIES ARE DEALING WITH
5 \$50 A BARREL GAS. THE PRICE OF GAS IS LIKE \$4 A GALLON NOW,
6 WHICH IS APPROXIMATELY- THE SAME PRICE OF GAS WHEN IT WAS \$100
7 A BARREL. SO THE GAS, THE OIL IS COSTING THEM 50 PERCENT LESS
8 AND THEY'RE STILL CHARGING THE SAME PRICE. MAYBE THE BOARD
9 COULD SEND A FIVE-SIGNATURE LETTER TO SOME PLACE AND FIND OUT
10 WHY THE COST OF GAS IS STILL SO HIGH, ALTHOUGH THE PRICE OF
11 OIL THAT THEY'RE REFINING IS \$50 A BARREL. IT MIGHT HELP THE
12 ECONOMY. I HELD ABOUT PARKS AND OPEN SPACE. YOU WANT TO DO ALL
13 THESE THINGS ABOUT PARK PROJECTS, BUT I BELIEVE THE
14 INITIATIVES WERE REGARDING THE 1992 AND '96 INITIATIVES WERE
15 REGARDING BEACHES AND GANG PREVENTION PROGRAMS AND SENIOR
16 CENTERS. AND YET THERE'S NOTHING IN YOUR INITIATIVES REGARDING
17 HOW YOU'RE GOING TO FUND THOSE PROGRAMS. AND HOW WILL YOU PAY
18 FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE GOLF COURSES? BECAUSE I SEE A LOT OF
19 MONEY IN A LOT OF THESE MEETINGS GO TO GOLF COURSE MAINTENANCE
20 FROM THIS PARK PROPOSITION. AND THAT WASN'T PART OF THE
21 PROPOSITION. AND I, TOO, HELD ITEM 13 FOR THE VOTERS RIGHTS
22 ACTS BECAUSE OF WHAT HAPPENED LAST WEEK AND THE FACT THAT THE
23 DOCUMENTATION THAT WAS REQUIRED TO SPEAK ABOUT ONE MINUTE. YOU
24 KNOW, SOMETIMES IT ISN'T ONLY ABOUT VOTING, IT'S ABOUT HAVING
25 THE OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN ABOUT THE AGENDA. SUPERVISOR KNABE

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1 MENTIONED THE PACKED HOUSE FOR THE HEAD OF D.C.F.S., BUT TWO
2 WEEKS AGO I BELIEVE OR THREE WEEKS AGO WHEN THE HOUSE WAS
3 PACKED WITH IN HOME HEALTHCARE WORKERS, NOBODY REALLY KNEW
4 THAT A GOOD PERCENTAGE OF THEM CAME FROM RIVERSIDE-- SAN
5 BERNARDINO COUNTY. WHY WASN'T THAT MENTIONED? AND YOU WONDER
6 WHY IF THE VOTERS WOULD KNOW THAT UP FRONT, MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS,
7 WOULD THEY FEEL THE SAME WAY ABOUT SOME OF THOSE ITEMS ON THE
8 AGENDA? SO IT'S MORE THAN THAT. IT'S GETTING INVOLVED, AND
9 IT'S READING THE AGENDA, READING THE WHOLE AGENDA AND LEARNING
10 THE LANGUAGE, BECAUSE YOU REALLY DON'T GET AN OPPORTUNITY
11 UNLESS YOU HAVE THE PROPER PAPERS, I UNDERSTAND.

12

13 **ERIC PREVEN:** GREETINGS. IT IS ERIC PREVEN, THE RESIDENT FROM
14 DISTRICT 3. THANK YOU, MR. SACHS, FOR THOSE MOVING WORDS. I
15 WAS A LITTLE BIT DISAPPOINTED THAT THE S-2 ITEM HAS BEEN
16 CONTINUED BECAUSE OF COURSE WE HAVE BEEN MAKING A LOT OF NOISE
17 ABOUT ADDITIONAL SCRUTINY ON THESE MATTERS. SO I'M HOPING THAT
18 WE CAN BRING THAT FORWARD SOONER THAN OCTOBER. ON ITEM NO. 5,
19 WE ARE I GUESS TODAY IS FAT TUESDAY RATHER THAN SMALL BUSINESS
20 TUESDAY BECAUSE THIS IS MULTIPLE CONTRACTS WITH ONE GROUP
21 CALLED TRUGREEN. I DID A LITTLE RESEARCH. IT'S A MASSIVE FIRM.
22 IT'S A MAJOR, MAJOR FIRM. THEY HAVE MANY CONTRACTS-- IT JUST
23 DOES NOT SEEM, BECAUSE THIS IS FOR LAND CARE, THE KIND OF
24 STUFF THAT FRANKLY IS ACCESSIBLE TO SMALLER BUSINESSES. ITEM
25 NO. 6, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK MAYOR ANTONOVICH AND MARK RLDLEY-

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1 THOMAS FOR CARRYING SOME WATER FOR SUPERVISOR KNABE AND THE
2 COUNTY DATA PROGRAM. BECAUSE IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT THE
3 COUNTY DATA CENTER WILL BE IN HIS DISTRICT. I COULD BE WRONG
4 ABOUT THAT, SO DON'T HOLD ME TO IT. ITEM NO. 7 IS AN
5 INTERESTING ONE. THIS ONE HAS TO DO WITH INCREASING THE
6 OPPORTUNITY TO GET A REWARD FOR SEX OFFENDERS, WHICH IS
7 OBVIOUSLY CONSISTENT WITH WHAT WE WOULD LIKE TO DO TO TRY TO
8 CATCH THOSE CHARACTERS. I WAS THINKING WE MIGHT WANT TO, IN
9 FACT, EXPAND SINCE WE'RE ADJUSTING THE LAW TO INCLUDE OTHER
10 KINDS OF VIOLATIONS THAT YOU THINK WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO
11 HAVE REWARDS FOR. I THOUGHT OF ONE WHICH IS VERY SIMPLE, WHICH
12 IS THAT ANYBODY WHO TRIES TO STEAL FROM THE PUBLIC IN ANY WAY
13 ON EITHER SIDE OF THE AISLE, PUBLIC OR EMPLOYEE, IF WE HAD A
14 REWARD FOR THAT, WE WOULD CATCH A LOT OF RATS, I'M JUST
15 SAYING. YOU KNOW, ITEM NO. 9 IS A CO-MOTION BY SUPERVISOR
16 SOLIS AND KUEHL REGARDING THE REGIONAL PARKS OPEN SPACE
17 DISTRICT MONEY, I THINK YOU JUST TALKED ABOUT IT. WE'RE GOING
18 TO ROLL OUT \$2 MILLION FOR A CONSULTANT, SUPERVISOR KUEHL. I'D
19 LIKE YOU TO PAY ATTENTION ON THIS ONE BECAUSE WE CAME UP WITH
20 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY BEFORE YOU TOOK THE HELM. AND WHAT
21 WE'RE LOOKING FOR OF COURSE IS WAYS TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF
22 PARKS IN OUR COMMUNITIES AND DO GOOD THINGS FOR OUR
23 CONSTITUENTS. THE SAN FERNANDO POOL WAS ONE THAT CAME UP. THEY
24 HAD FUNDED IT FOR ONE MORE YEAR. I WOULD JUST ASK YOU TO PAY
25 CLOSE ATTENTION. HOPEFULLY WE CAN BRING THAT FORWARD GOING

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1 FORWARD BECAUSE IT IS SORT OF AT A LOSS FOR ONGOING FUNDING.
2 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY WANTED TO LEAVE THAT TO YOU. SO THANK
3 YOU FOR PAYING ATTENTION DURING THAT. AND ITEM NO. 18 CAUGHT
4 MY ATTENTION BECAUSE OF COURSE IT IS A RAINY DAY FUND AND
5 WE'RE GOING TO SPEND AN EXTRA 20 MILLION. 50 MILLION GOES INTO
6 THE RAINY DAY FUND, BUT THEN 20 IS GOING TO BE SPECIFICALLY
7 EARMARKED FOR THE BIGGEST PROBLEM WE HAVE, WHICH IS THE MENTAL
8 HEALTH AND INCARCERATION PIECE AND WHERE THEY MEET. SO THANK
9 YOU FOR THAT. IT IS RAINING POVERTY OUT THERE, THOUGH SIR.
10 THAT IS ONE OF THE CONCERNS THAT WE ARE OF COURSE
11 EXPERIENCING. I WOULD LIKE TO CONCLUDE BY SAYING THAT THE
12 CLASSIFICATIONS-- THIS IS A LOT ON ONE DAY, BUT THE
13 CLASSIFICATION, CHANGING TO GET A COUPLE OF POSITIONS IN PLACE
14 APPROPRIATELY, ONE OF THEM IS THE DIRECTOR OF CHILD
15 PROTECTION. THOUGH WE HAVEN'T PICKED HER YET, WE'VE BEEN
16 LOOKING FOR OVER A YEAR, THEY DO HAVE AN ASSIGNMENT FOR HER.
17 AND I DID LOOK, AND LORI BETTISON-VARGA, THE NEW DIRECTOR OF
18 THE MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, IS MAKING \$578,000.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WE HAVE A MOTION. [APPLAUSE.]

21

22 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. C.E.O.:** ITEMS 1-D, 2, 5, 6, 7, 8,
23 10, ON ITEM 13, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH ABSTAINS. ON ITEM NO.
24 14, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH ABSTAINS, 17, 19, 20, 23, 24, 25,
25 26, 31, 34, 40, ON ITEM 42, THIS WILL BE REFERRED BACK TO THE

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1 CONTRACTOR HEARING BOARD, 44, 47, 48, 49-A, 49-D, THESE ITEMS
2 ARE BEFORE YOU.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR KNABE ALSO ABSTAINS ON 12.

5

6 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. C.E.O.:** 12 IS BEING HELD,
7 SUPERVISOR?

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND ALSO, I HAD, ON 12, I HAD
10 SUPPORTED-- YOU HAVE THOSE SECTIONS.

11

12 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. C.E.O.:** THOSE ITEMS ARE BEFORE
13 YOU, SUPERVISOR.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS MOVES.
16 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS. WITHOUT OBJECTION, AS NOTED, SO
17 ORDERED.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE:** YOU DIDN'T RECORD ME AS A YES VOTE ON 13, RIGHT?

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21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** I HAD YOU ABSTAINING. MR. SHERIFF,
22 TERRI MCDONALD AND UNDERSHERIFF NEIL TYLER. OKAY. I'M PLACING
23 THIS ON THE TABLE. "THE RECENT INDEPENDENT STUDY BY THE HEALTH
24 MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATES AND PULITZER BOGARD AND ASSOCIATES
25 RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD MOVE FORWARD WITH THE REPLACEMENT

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1 OF THE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL WITH THE CONSOLIDATED CORRECTIONAL
2 TREATMENT FACILITY, WITH A BED CAPACITY BETWEEN 4,600 AND
3 5,060. THE PRIOR INDEPENDENT STUDY BY THE BERNARD CONSTRUCTION
4 MANAGEMENT HAD RECOMMEND A BED CAPACITY OF 4,885. THE H.M.A.
5 REPORT ALSO PROJECTED AN INCREASE IN THE JAIL BED NEED BY THE
6 MEDICAL MENTAL HEALTH POPULATION TO 6,722 WITHOUT
7 IMPLEMENTATIONS OF BEST PRACTICES BY 2025. THUS THE JAIL PLAN
8 AND DIVERSION STRATEGIES MUST GO HAND-IN-HAND TO PROTECT
9 PUBLIC SAFETY AND PROPERLY TREAT AND DIVERT OFFENDERS WHO CAN
10 BE SAFELY SUPERVISED AND TREATED IN THE COMMUNITY. THE
11 COUNTY'S JAIL SYSTEM NOW HOUSES INMATES WITH LONGER SENTENCES
12 AND GREATER MEDICAL MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT NEEDS SINCE THE
13 IMPLEMENTATION OF A.B.109. THE WAVE OF THE FUTURE FOR
14 CORRECTIONS IS NOT SIMPLY TO HOUSE OFFENDERS BUT TO PROVIDE
15 ROBUST SERVICES AND PROGRAMS INCLUDING INCREASED EDUCATIONAL
16 AND VOCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES. MOST OF THE COUNTY'S EXISTING
17 JAIL FACILITIES WERE BUILT MORE THAN 50 YEARS AGO AND ARE NOT
18 CONDUCIVE FOR PROGRAMMING AND TREATMENT SERVICES. THUS, ONCE
19 THE C.C.T.F. IS OPERATIONAL, THE CENTRAL TOTAL JAIL CAPACITY
20 CAN BE ADJUSTED BASED ON THE SUCCESSION OF DIVERSION AND AGING
21 AND COSTLY FACILITIES WHICH CAN BE DOWNSIZED OR CLOSED AS
22 APPROPRIATE. SO I'D MOVE THAT THE BOARD DIRECT THE INTERIM
23 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO IMMEDIATELY NOTIFY THE CONTRACTORS
24 AECOM AND D.L.R. TO RESUME WORK ON THE CONSOLIDATED
25 CONSTRUCTIONAL CORRECTIONAL TREATMENT FACILITY AT MIRA LOMA

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1 WHICH WAS HALTED BY THE BOARD ON JUNE 9TH, ENSURING THAT THE
2 C.C.T.F. AND MIRA LOMA PROJECTS MOVE FORWARD SIMULTANEOUSLY AS
3 A SINGLE PROJECT, INCLUDING THE TIMING OF AWARDING THE DESIGN-
4 BUILD CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS AND MANDATORY LOCAL WORKER-HIRE
5 REQUIREMENTS BY THE C.C.T.F., REDUCE THE PREVIOUSLY APPROVED
6 CAPACITY OF THE C.C.T.F. FROM 4,885 TO 4,600 BEDS WITH THE
7 MAJORITY OF THE BEDS DEDICATED FOR MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT AND
8 SUBSTANCE ABUSE DETOXIFICATION NEEDS, PROVIDE THE STATE PUBLIC
9 WORKS BOARD ALL DOCUMENTS REQUIRED TO ESTABLISH MIRA LOMA AS A
10 PROJECT TO MAINTAIN ELIGIBILITY IN THE A.B.900 GRANT PROGRAM
11 PROVIDED ITEM 2 ABOVE IS UPHELD. AND PROVIDE STATUS REPORTS TO
12 THE BOARD ON A QUARTERLY BASIS OR AS SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS
13 OCCUR. FURTHER MOVING THAT THE BOARD REQUEST THE INTERIM
14 C.E.O. TO WORK JOINTLY WITH THE SHERIFF TO PROVIDE A WRITTEN
15 REPORT IN SIX MONTHS IDENTIFYING FACILITIES THAT ARE THE
16 OLDEST AND MOST COSTLY TO OPERATE AND CAN BE DOWNSIZED OR
17 CLOSED IN THE FUTURE TO OFFSET THE INCREASE IN BED CAPACITY OF
18 C.C.T. F." I'LL PUT THAT ON THE TABLE.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE:** I'LL SECOND THAT.

21

22 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** MR. MAYOR?

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS?

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1 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** I ALSO WANT TO SPEAK ON THE MOTION AND ALSO
2 INTRODUCE MY OWN MOTION.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WE'RE TALKING ABOUT 49-C.

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6 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** YES.

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8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. GO AHEAD.

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10 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** THIS IS REGARDING THE NEW JAIL.

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12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THE ONE WE'RE ON. 49-C.

13

14 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** I'D LIKE TO MAKE A STATEMENT. "WHILE I
15 STRONGLY SUPPORT THE COUNTY MAKING THIS MASSIVE INVESTMENT
16 TODAY IN DIVERSION, WE ALL KNOW THAT THE JAIL IS THE LAST
17 PLACE FOR EFFECTIVE TREATMENT OF MENTAL ILLNESS AND ADDICTION.
18 STILL, THE SAD TRUTH IS THAT FOR THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE, THERE
19 ARE SOME PEOPLE THAT WILL NEED TO BE INCARCERATED FOR THE
20 SAFETY OF THE COMMUNITY. IT IS NOT ONLY OUR LEGAL BUT OUR
21 MORAL RESPONSIBILITY TO ENSURE THAT THEY ARE HOUSED IN HUMANE
22 AND SAFE CONDITIONS. THIS IS SIMPLY NOT POSSIBLE IN MEN'S
23 CENTRAL JAIL. IT HAS TO BE REPLACED, WITHOUT A DOUBT. BUT HOW
24 MANY BEDS TO REPLACE IT WITH? THE H.M.A. REPORT PREDICTS THAT
25 BY 2025, THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY JAIL SYSTEM WILL REQUIRE

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1 21,599 BEDS. BUT THAT PREDICTION IS BASED ON THE COUNTY NOT
2 INVESTING HEAVILY IN DIVERSION PROGRAMS. TO ME, THAT QUITE
3 SIMPLY IS UNACCEPTABLE. WE MUST MAKE MASSIVE INVESTMENT OF
4 RESOURCES IN DIVERSION, PREVENTION AND RE-ENTRY. IT'S MY VIEW
5 THAT IF WE BUILD JAIL BEDS, WE WILL FILL THEM. INSTEAD, I
6 BELIEVE WE NEED TO SPEND OUR RESOURCES IN THE COMMUNITY ON
7 TREATMENT INSTEAD OF INCARCERATION." [APPLAUSE]

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9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** HEY, IF YOU WANT TO SHOW YOUR SUPPORT,
10 RAISE THE ROOF, DON'T APPLAUSE. RAISE THE ROOF.

11

12 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** I AM PROPOSING THAT WE ADOPT A JAIL
13 POPULATION REDUCTION GOAL OF 15 PERCENT, WHICH IS IN LINE WITH
14 THE MACARTHUR GRANT REPORTED TARGETS. THIS, IN MY OPINION, IS
15 A REASONABLE GOAL AND ONE THAT WE CAN ACHIEVE IN 10 YEARS. IF
16 WE DO ACHIEVE THE GOAL, THEN WE WILL NOT NEED TO BUILD A HUGE
17 JAIL TREATMENT FACILITY. OUR CALCULATIONS YIELD A PROPOSED
18 C.C.T.F. JAIL BED CAPACITY OF 3,243, WHICH WE PROPOSE AS A BED
19 COUNT FOR THE PROPOSED JAIL. I DRAW YOUR ATTENTION TO THE
20 MOTION THAT I WOULD INTRODUCE TODAY. ACCORDING TO THE RECENT
21 REPORTS ISSUED BY HEALTH MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATES, LOS ANGELES
22 COUNTY JAIL SYSTEM WILL REQUIRE 21,599 JAIL BEDS BY 2025. THIS
23 REPRESENTS A LESS THAN 1 PERCENT COMPOUNDED ANNUAL GROWTH
24 RATE. TODAY THE JAIL SYSTEM CAN CONSTITUTIONALLY ACCOMMODATE
25 LESS THAN 18,000 INMATES. MANY WOULD ARGUE THAT THIS

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1 OVERSTATES THE SYSTEM'S CURRENT CAPACITY SINCE THE LARGEST
2 SYSTEM, SEVEN FACILITIES, INCLUDING MEN'S JAIL, IS IN SUCH
3 ABYSMAL STRUCTURAL CONDITION AS TO RENDER ANY OF ITS BEDS OF
4 QUESTIONABLE CONSTITUTIONAL PERMISSIBILITY. SHUTTERING M.C.J.
5 WOULD REDUCE THE SYSTEM'S CAPACITY BY A FURTHER 4,253 BEDS,
6 CURRENT INMATES PLUS 404 IN M.C.J.'S OUTPATIENT CLINIC. THIS
7 REDUCTION WOULD BE OFFSET TO SOME DEGREE BY THE PROPOSED MIRA
8 LOMA FACILITY, WHICH AS THE MOST RECENT PLANS, WOULD ADD ABOUT
9 1,604 BEDS TO THE SYSTEM CAPACITY. THE NET M.C.J. DECREASE AND
10 THE PLANNED MIRA LOMA INCREASE WOULD THUS RESULT IN A
11 PROJECTED SYSTEM CAPACITY OF 15,116. THIS PROJECTED SYSTEM
12 CAPACITY, WHICH AGAIN ASSUMES SHUTTERING M.C.J. AND BUILDING
13 MIRA LOMA, WOULD BE 6,483 BELOW THE CAPACITY OF H.M.A.
14 PROJECTS, WOULD BE REQUIRED BY 2025. WERE THIS THE CAPACITY
15 THAT OUR SYSTEM WOULD LIKELY REQUIRE IN 10 YEARS, THE BOARD OF
16 SUPERVISORS WOULD HAVE NO RESPONSIBLE CHOICE BUT TO BUILD A
17 JAIL OF AT LEAST 6,483 BEDS. IT IS WORTH NOTING THAT NONE OF
18 THE THREE PREVIOUSLY ADVANCED PLANS, VANIR, 4,860, AECOM, 4840
19 AND THE PLAN PUT FORWARD ON THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT ON JUNE
20 9, 2016, 3,928, SEEMED TO CONTEMPLATE THAT THE CAPACITY NEEDS
21 TODAY WOULD LIKELY BE DIFFERENT THAN THE CAPACITY NEEDS OF THE
22 TIME CONSTRUCTION WOULD BE COMPLETED. HOWEVER, THE H.M.A.
23 REPORT IS CRYSTAL CLEAR. C.C.T.F. BED CAPACITY NEED IS IN 2025
24 PROJECTED NEED UNLESS THERE WILL BE A ROBUST CONCOMITANT
25 DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF DIVERSION, BEST PRACTICES IN

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1 CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES, CORRECTIONAL, MEDICAL AND MENTAL
2 HEALTH AND THE COMMUNITY. IN THE LIGHT OF MASSIVE INVESTMENT
3 IN DIVERSION CONTEMPLATED BY A SEPARATE MOTION ON THE BOARD'S
4 AGENDA TODAY, IT IS CLEAR THAT THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY INTENDS
5 TO BE AT THE FOREFRONT OF EFFORTS TO DEVELOP SAFE AND
6 EFFECTIVE WAYS OF REDUCING OUR SOCIETY'S UNSUSTAINABLE AND
7 INEFFECTIVE RELIANCE ON INCARCERATION. TO ACHIEVE THIS
8 ASPIRATION, THE BOARD MUST SET ACHIEVABLE AND AGGRESSIVE
9 GOALS. JOHN D. AND CATHERINE T. MACARTHUR FOUNDATION RECENTLY
10 AWARDED LOS ANGELES COUNTY ON THE STRENGTH OF AN APPLICATION
11 DEVELOPED BY LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT 1 OF 20
12 GRANTS AIMED AT HELPING JURISDICTIONS DEVELOP PLANS TO REDUCE
13 THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN JAILS. LOS ANGELES COUNTY'S PLANS WILL
14 THEN COMPLETE 10 ADDITIONAL GRANTS FOR UP TO \$2 MILLION A YEAR
15 TO IMPLEMENT THESE PLANS. IT'S WIDELY RUMORED THAT THE
16 MACARTHUR FOUNDATION ENVISIONS THAT SUCCESSFUL PLANS WILL SET
17 JAIL POPULATION REDUCTIONS BETWEEN 15 TO 20 PERCENT. THIS IS
18 CONSISTENT WITH ANECDOTAL REPORTS OF THE IMPACTS OF SUCCESSFUL
19 DIVERSION PROGRAMS. FOR EXAMPLE, H.M.A. CONSULTANT PATRICK
20 JABLONSKI ATTRIBUTES A SIGNIFICANT DROP IN ORANGE COUNTY,
21 FLORIDA'S JAIL POPULATION FROM 4,112 IN 2001 TO 3380 IN 2004,
22 A 17 PERCENT DROP TO, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THEIR MENTAL HEALTH
23 DIVERSION PROGRAM WHICH MR. JABLONSKI HELPED TO IMPLEMENT.
24 APPLYING THE MORE CONSERVATIVE 15 PERCENT REDUCTION TO
25 H.M.A.'S PROJECTED NEED IN 2025, ABSENT DIVERSION YIELDS, AS

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1 ADJUSTED PROJECTED NEED OF 18,359 JAIL BEDS, A DIFFERENCE OF
2 3,240. THAT DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE ADJUSTED PROJECTED NEED AND
3 THE CURRENT CONSTITUTIONAL CAPACITY NET OF M.C.J. DEMOLITION
4 AND MIRA LOMA CONSTRUCTION IS 3,243 BEDS. THIS NUMBER, ALONG
5 WITH THE DIVERSION PROGRAM REDUCTION TARGET EQUIVALENT OF
6 3,240 BEDS SHOULD BE THE STARTING POINT FOR THE BOARD'S
7 DISCUSSION REGARDING THE APPROPRIATE SIZE OF THE PROPOSED
8 CORRECTIONAL TREATMENT FACILITY. I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE
9 BOARD DIRECT THE INTERIM CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO, ONE, LIFT
10 THE SUSPENSION PLACED ON AECOM BY THE BOARD ON JUNE 9, 2015
11 PERTAINING TO THE WORK ON THE JAIL MASTER PLAN. PLAN B-1 AS IT
12 RELATES TO C.C.T.F., SUBJECT TO THE INSTRUCTION OF AECOM
13 SHOULD WORK AT PRESENT UNDER THE ASSUMPTION THAT THE C.C.T.F.
14 JAIL BED CAPACITY WILL BE 3,243. NUMBER 2, DIRECT HEALTH
15 MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATES, ASSISTED IN SUBCONTRACT CAPACITY BY
16 PULITZER BOGARD AND ASSOCIATES WITH THE COOPERATION AND
17 SUPPORT OF RELEVANT COUNTY DEPARTMENTS TO CONTINUE TO REFINE
18 THEIR ANALYSIS AND PROJECTIONS BY, A, WORKING TO INVESTIGATE
19 AND RESOLVE, IF RESOLVABLE, EXPLAIN TO THE BOARD THE CONCERNS
20 RAISED BY THE MENTAL HEALTH EXPERTS AND ADVOCACY ORGANIZATIONS
21 REGARDING H.M.A.'S INITIAL ANALYSIS, ESPECIALLY AS TO WHETHER
22 THE RECORDED RECENT INCREASE IN THE PROPORTION OF JAIL
23 POPULATION WITH MENTAL ILLNESS IS DUE TO IMPROVED SCREENING
24 PROCEDURES, OR AN ACTUAL INCREASE IN THE PERCENTAGE OF
25 MENTALLY ILL INMATES. B, EXPANDING THEIR RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS

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1 REGARDING CURRENT POTENTIAL COMMUNITY CAPACITY BY WORKING WITH
2 THE SHERIFF DEPARTMENT AND PRETRIAL SERVICES, DIVISION OF
3 PROBATION AS WELL AS REVIEWING RECENT SCHOLARSHIP AND
4 SUCCESSFUL DIVERSION PROGRAMS NATIONWIDE TO ACCESS THE
5 RELEVANCY OF THE COMPASS TOOL ASSESSING IN-CUSTODY RISK AND TO
6 THE SAFETY RISK TO THE PUBLIC SHOULD AN INMATE BE TREATED IN
7 THE COMMUNITY. THE RESEARCH SHOULD ALSO SOLICIT AND
8 INCORPORATE INPUT FROM PEOPLE NATIONWIDE WHO HAVE SUCCESSFUL
9 EXPERIENCE IN TREATING PEOPLE WITH MENTAL ILLNESS WHO HAVE A
10 HISTORY OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM INVOLVEMENT. 2, WORKING
11 WITH LOCAL MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ASSISTANCE PROVIDERS TO
12 IDENTIFY THE COMPONENTS NECESSARY TO DEVELOP COMMUNITY
13 CAPACITY, UNDERUTILIZED HOUSING STOCK, AVAILABILITY OF TRAINED
14 SERVICE PROVIDERS, AND TO ASSESS THE CURRENT STATE OF THESE
15 COMPONENTS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. SUBSEQUENT TO AVAILABILITY,
16 THE INTERIM CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER SHOULD CONSIDER ALL
17 CONTRACTING WITH ALEXANDER J. CROWELL OF R.T.I. INTERNATIONAL, A
18 DIVERSION SUBJECT MATTER EXPERT, WHO HAS BEEN ADVISED ON
19 NUMEROUS-- HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN ADVISING NUMEROUS COUNTIES,
20 INCLUDING BEXAR COUNTY, TEXAS, SAN ANTONIO ON THE DEVELOPMENT
21 OF SUCCESSFUL DIVERSION PROGRAMS. NUMBER 3, PREPARE AND SUBMIT
22 ALL NECESSARY PAPERWORK TO THE STATE PUBLIC WORKS BOARD IN
23 ORDER TO ALLOW FOR APPROVAL OF A.B.900 FUNDING FOR THE MIRA
24 LOMA PROJECT. AND MOREOVER, THAT THE BOARD REQUEST THE SHERIFF
25 DRAFT AND PRESENT TO THE BOARD A REVIEW OF A SCOPE OF WORK, AN

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1 ESTIMATE OF LIKELY COST FOR LONG TERM LOS ANGELES COUNTY JAIL
2 SYSTEM MASTER PLAN THAT WOULD INCLUDE CONSIDERATION OF THE
3 DECOMMISSIONING OF EXISTING AGING FACILITIES SHOULD--
4 AFFECTING THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY JAIL SYSTEM."

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6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. MAYOR AND
7 COLLEAGUES. ITEM 49-C THAT'S BEFORE US PRINCIPALLY DEALS WITH
8 THE MATTER OF DIVERSION. I AM GOING TO ASK THAT THE DISTRICT
9 ATTORNEY, IF SHE WOULD COME FORWARD AND SPEAK TO THE ISSUE
10 FOR THE BOARD AND THE AUDIENCE, AS WELL AS THE VIEWERS'
11 EDIFICATION. I WANT TO SAY THAT FOR MORE THAN A YEAR, THIS
12 BOARD HAS DEMONSTRATED ITS COMMITMENT ON IMPROVING THE
13 TREATMENT OF PERSONS WITH MENTAL ILLNESS AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE
14 CHALLENGES WHILE PRESERVING PUBLIC SAFETY. IT IS NOT AN
15 EITHER/OR PROPOSITION. I REPEAT. PERSONS WITH MENTAL ILLNESS
16 AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE CHALLENGES, WE'VE GOT TO ADDRESS THAT.
17 WE'VE GOT TO DO BETTER. AND AT THE SAME TIME, WE'VE GOT TO DO
18 BETTER WITH RESPECT TO PRESERVING PUBLIC SAFETY. IN MAY OF
19 2014, THE BOARD ASKED THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY TO WORK WITH OUR
20 COUNTY DEPARTMENTS TO CONDUCT A COMPREHENSIVE ASSESSMENT OF
21 EXISTING DIVERSION PROGRAMS IN THE COUNTY. AND I THINK IT'S
22 FAIR TO SAY SHE HAS DONE A COMMENDABLE JOB IN DOING SO. THAT'S
23 RIGHT. YOU CAN GIVE HER-- [APPLAUSE.] IN SEPTEMBER OF 2014 AND
24 THEN IN APRIL OF 2015 RESPECTIVELY, THIS BOARD ALLOCATED SOME
25 \$30 MILLION IN ONE-TIME FUNDS FOR DIVERSION. AND IN JUNE OF

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1 2015, WE CREATED A SINGLE INTEGRATED HEALTH JAIL HEALTH,
2 MENTAL HEALTH AND PUBLIC HEALTH DISCUSSION THAT IS TO BE LED
3 BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES AND ALSO IN JUNE WE
4 SUSPENDED THE JAIL MASTER PLAN AND INSTRUCTED THE C.E.O. TO
5 CONSIDER COMMUNITY-BASED ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS FOR MENTAL HEALTH
6 AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT. WELL, DIVERSION IS SIMPLY THE
7 RIGHT THING TO DO. AND WE KNOW DIVERSION IS THE RIGHT THING TO
8 DO. AND TO DO SO WITH TAXPAYERS' DOLLARS IN A PRUDENT AND
9 EFFECTIVE WAY WE ESSENTIALLY DECLARE IT IS A SUPERIOR
10 ALTERNATIVE TO INCARCERATION WHEN IN FACT WE CAN ACCOMPLISH
11 IT. THE D.A.'S REPORT IDENTIFIED GAPS. POTENTIAL PROGRAMS AND
12 SUCCESSFUL EXISTING PROGRAMS THAT NEED FURTHER SUPPORT. IT
13 ALSO CONFIRMED THAT WE CURRENTLY HAVE A FRAGMENTED AND
14 UNCOORDINATED SYSTEM. SO OUR GOAL IS TO DO THE FOLLOWING: A
15 SUCCESSFUL JAIL DIVERSION APPROACH WHICH WOULD REDIRECT
16 INDIVIDUALS WITH SERIOUS MENTAL HEALTH, MENTAL ILLNESS AND CO-
17 OCCURRING SUBSTANCE ABUSE DISORDERS FROM THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE
18 SYSTEM INTO AN INTEGRATED TREATMENT SYSTEM. THAT IS
19 EFFECTIVELY OUR GOAL. WE CALL IT DIVERSION. WHEN IS THE TIME
20 TO DO IT? THE TIME IS NOW TO DO IT AND IT IS MY HOPE THAT WE
21 CAN ACCOMPLISH. SO THE MOTION BEFORE US WOULD ESTABLISH AN
22 OFFICE OF DIVERSION WITH FUNDED AND WITH ESTABLISHED
23 PRIORITIES. THE MOTION WOULD DEDICATE A TOTAL OF ROUGHLY \$120
24 MILLION IN VARIOUS FUNDING SOURCES AND MINIMALLY 10 MILLION A
25 YEAR IN ONGOING FUNDS FOR THAT OFFICE OF DIVERSION. IF THE

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1 PROPOSED DIRECTION AND FUNDS THAT WE IDENTIFY ARE NOT TO BE
2 LOCKED INTO THE SPECIFIC WAYS IN WHICH THEY'RE CHARACTERIZED
3 IN THE MOTION, IT IS THE HOPE HERE THAT WE WILL FIND THE
4 APPROPRIATE ONGOING SOURCE OF FUNDS BECAUSE OF OUR COMMITMENT
5 TO DIVERSION. AND SO I THINK WE ARE WELL POISED TO DO THIS.
6 THE VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS HAVE MADE THEIR SUBJECT MATTER
7 COMPETENCE KNOWN TO MAKE THIS COMPREHENSIVE AND TO MAKE IT
8 MEANINGFUL. IT WILL ONLY WORK IF ALL THE DEPARTMENTS AND
9 JUDICIAL LEADERSHIP AND LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES ALL HAVE TO
10 BE PARTNERS IN ORDER TO PURSUE THIS WITH DEDICATION AS WELL AS
11 PASSION AND THEIR EXPERTISE. I WANT TO APPLAUD THE LEADERSHIP
12 OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND ALL OF THOSE PARTNERS AND CO-
13 LEADERS IN BRINGING US TO THIS MOMENT. I WANT TO APPLAUD MY
14 COLLEAGUES ON THIS BOARD FOR AN UNRELENTING COMMITMENT TO TRY
15 TO MAKE SURE THAT SPACE ON OUR PUBLIC POLICY AGENDA IS MADE
16 FOR ALTERNATIVES TO DIVERT, ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION,
17 NAMELY DIVERSION. AND THIS IS A HUGE CHALLENGE. THIS IS A
18 MAJOR STEP FORWARD. AND, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, I TRUST THERE
19 WILL BE A UNANIMOUS VOTE FOR 49-C AS WE MOVE THE AGENDA FOR
20 DIVERSION FORWARD IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. MR. MAYOR, MAY
21 I ASK THEN THAT THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY BE AFFORDED AN
22 OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK.

23

24 **JACKIE LACEY:** THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR, THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR MARK
25 RIDLEY-THOMAS, THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SHEILA KUEHL, THANK YOU

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1 SUPERVISOR DON KNABE, AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS.
2 ON BEHALF OF THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE MENTAL HEALTH TASKFORCE, A
3 DAY LIKE TODAY IS SOMETHING THAT MANY OF US HAVE BEEN DREAMING
4 OF IN TERMS OF PEOPLE ACKNOWLEDGING THAT THE OLD WAY OF DOING
5 THINGS SIMPLY ISN'T WORKING AND ISN'T JUST. ON BEHALF OF THE
6 MANY FAMILIES THAT I HAVE MET WITH AND THE MANY PEOPLE THAT I
7 HAVE ENCOUNTERED WHO ARE SUFFERING FROM MENTAL ILLNESS, WHO
8 ARE LIVING WITH MENTAL ILLNESS-- I'M CORRECTING MY LANGUAGE,
9 I'M LEARNING AS I'M GOING ALONG-- I WANT TO THANK YOU BECAUSE
10 THERE ARE A NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO THERE BUT FOR THE GRACE OF
11 GOD GO ANY ONE OF US. AND THOSE OF US WHO HAVE STUDIED AND
12 LIVED WITH THIS PROJECT OVER THE LAST YEAR HAVE NO SHORTAGE OF
13 EXAMPLES OF PEOPLE IF THEY HAD GOTTEN THE RIGHT HELP, THEY
14 WOULDN'T HAVE ENDED UP IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM TO BEGIN
15 WITH. AS EXCITED AS THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE MENTAL HEALTH
16 TASKFORCE PEOPLE MIGHT BE TODAY, WE ALSO REALIZE THAT THE
17 DEVIL IS IN THE DETAILS. THERE ARE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE MOTION.
18 BUT I'M CONFIDENT AND CERTAINLY TAKE THE BOARD AT ITS WORD
19 WHEN YOU SAY THIS IS A COMMITMENT. IT IS NOT SOMETHING THAT
20 WILL HAPPEN IN A YEAR. IT IS AT MOST A TEN YEAR CHANGING OF
21 THE WAY THE SHIP HAS BEEN HEADING. I'M AN OPTIMIST. I BELIEVE
22 THAT SOME OF THE DETAILS THAT PERHAPS WE DO NOT AGREE ON BUT
23 WILL BE ABLE TO WORK ON AS WE SUCCESSFULLY HAVE DONE IN OUR
24 SUMMIT MEETINGS. SO I AM REALLY HAPPY ABOUT TODAY AND THAT WE
25 CAN ALL SIT DOWN, COMING FROM DIFFERENT ASPECTS OF THIS

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1 PROBLEM, THE D.A.'S OFFICE IS COMING FROM THE PUBLIC SAFETY
2 ASPECT AS WELL AS THE JUSTICE ASPECT. THAT WE CAN SIT DOWN AS
3 ADULTS AND HAVE AN INCREDIBLE CONVERSATION AND COME TO THE
4 REALIZATION THAT THIS IS SOMETHING THAT NEEDS TO BE ADDRESSED
5 AND CHANGED. BUT ALSO REALIZING THAT THE WORK IS NOT DONE.
6 THERE'S A TEE TREMENDOUS AMOUNT WORK THAT THE MENTAL HEALTH
7 TASKFORCE NEEDS TO DO. OF COURSE, WE WILL, AT THE END OF THE
8 STRUCTURE BE AN IMPORTANT PART OF SITTING DOWN AND TALKING
9 ABOUT POLICIES AND WHERE WE NEED TO HEAD, BUT IT IS GOOD TO
10 HAVE, AS THE MOTION SAYS, SOMEONE WHO HAS THE RESPONSIBILITY
11 FOR DIRECTING OUR DIVERSION EFFORTS AND WORKING THINGS OUT SO
12 THAT WE CONTINUE ON THIS BEYOND WHEN ANY OF US ARE HERE. SO I
13 ALSO WANT TO THANK THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. AS I HAVE SAID IN
14 THE PAST, TERRI MCDONALD IS ONE OF THE BEST ADDITIONS TO THE
15 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT I HAVE SEEN IN MY ENTIRE LIFE. SHE IS THE
16 ONE WHO CALLED ME OVER A YEAR AND A HALF AGO AND SAID "SOME OF
17 THESE PEOPLE DON'T BELONG HERE, CAN WE DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT"?
18 AND TO HAVE JUST A VERY HONEST CONVERSATION ABOUT THIS
19 PARTICULAR TOPIC HAS BEEN INVALUABLE CONVERSATION OF TRUST AND
20 CREDIBILITY AND REALIZING THAT WE'RE MAKING MISTAKES, WE'RE
21 HEADING IN THE WRONG DIRECTION AND CORRECT IT. SO I WANT TO
22 THANK YOU FOR THE MOTION AND THANK EVERYBODY ON THE BOARD FOR
23 THIS KIND OF SUPPORT AND TRUST. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
24

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR KNABE AND THEN SUPERVISOR
2 SHEILA KUEHL.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR. THANK YOU DISTRICT ATTORNEY
5 LACEY AND COLLEAGUES. I, TOO, AM OPTIMISTIC ABOUT THE RESULTS
6 HERE. BUT I AM CONCERNED THAT THIS WON'T LEAD TO A DISCUSSION
7 BECAUSE THE ACTION BEFORE US IS AN ACTION, NOT NECESSARILY A
8 DISCUSSION. AND PART OF THAT CONCERNS ME. YOU MADE IT VERY
9 CLEAR, AS WELL, JACKIE, THAT THIS IS NOT A JAIL REDUCTION PLAN
10 AS YOU SEE IT. I HAVE A COMPETING AMENDMENT. I'M SPEAKING TO
11 MIKE'S MOTION WHICH I SUPPORT AT THAT 4600 LEVEL. IN MINE,
12 BASICALLY ONE OF THE THINGS THAT I TALK ABOUT IS I SAY WE NEED
13 TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THAT FOOTPRINT FOR 4600. BUT THAT PLAN
14 WOULD ACTUALLY ALLOW US TO SHRINK THE NUMBER OF BEDS OVER THE
15 COURSE OF THE NEXT TWO YEARS IF OUR INMATE POPULATION CENSUS
16 WORKS IN DIVERSION AS WE THINK IT WILL. BUT AT LEAST IT GIVES
17 US MOVING FORWARD WITH THAT FOOTPRINT THE ADJUSTMENT TO THE
18 BED COUNT OVER THAT PERIOD OF TIME THAT ALSO I THINK LEADS TO
19 WHAT YOU'RE SAYING IS THE BED COUNT NUMBER AND THE DISCUSSION
20 THAT'S GOING TO BE TAKING PLACE AS YOU FORMULATE THAT POLICY.
21 AND THERE'S A LOT COULD BE DONE. I ALSO THINK IT ADDRESSES
22 WHAT SUPERVISOR SOLIS INDICATED WHAT HAPPENED IN ORANGE
23 COUNTY, FLORIDA, THE EXACT SAME THING WHERE THEY FOUND THAT
24 THE DIVERSION PROGRAM ACTUALLY WORKED, BUT THEY HAD THE
25 ABILITY TO MOVE FORWARD SHOULD IT NOT WORK TO DO THE RIGHT

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1 THING. SO I SPEAK TO-- IN SUPPORT OF SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH'S
2 MOTION BUT ALSO WILL ADD MY AMENDMENT, AS WELL, TO BASICALLY
3 THE SAME KINDS OF THINGS EXCEPT THE ABILITY TO ALLOW THE
4 FLEXIBILITY DOWN THE ROAD. IF DIVERSION'S SUCCESSFUL, WE CAN
5 DO IT. IF IT'S NOT SUCCESSFUL, WE STILL HAVE THE ABILITY TO DO
6 THINGS THAT WE NEED TO DO IN PUBLIC SAFETY TO PROTECT THE
7 PEOPLE THAT WE WERE ELECTED TO REPRESENT.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

10

11 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR AND COLLEAGUES. I
12 THINK LISTENING TO THIS OR WATCHING IT ON TELEVISION, PEOPLE
13 PROBABLY FEEL A BIT OF WHIPLASH. EVERYBODY'S GOT A MOTION.
14 WHAT DOES THAT MEAN? WHERE ARE WE HEADED? LET ME SEE IF I CAN
15 ATTEMPT TO CLARIFY AND THEN SUGGEST YET ANOTHER WAY TO GO.
16 FIRST OF ALL, THE STORY HERE AS DISTRICT ATTORNEY LACEY HAS
17 INDICATED AND MY COLLEAGUE, SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS HAS
18 SAID, IS DIVERSION. THIS IS THE STORY TODAY: AN HISTORIC
19 ATTEMPT BY THIS COUNTY TO DO SOMETHING DIFFERENT, TO TURN
20 AROUND A VERY UNWIELDY AND HUGE SHIP THAT HAS PRIMARILY BEEN
21 ABOUT INCARCERATION, INCARCERATION, INCARCERATION, AND IT
22 HASN'T WORKED. AND AS WE INDICATED EARLIER, THIS IS A BIG
23 SHIFT, A SEISMIC SHIFT IN THE ENTIRE COUNTRY, PIECES OF IT,
24 ANYWAY. LOOKING AT DOING SOMETHING DIFFERENT. THIS DIVERSION
25 MOTION WILL CREATE IN THE COMMUNITY SO MANY MORE AREAS OF

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1 ABILITY TO TREAT, TO HELP, TO AID PEOPLE IN TURNING THEIR
2 LIVES AROUND, IN DOING THE RIGHT THING. IT'S NOT A BLEEDING
3 HEART MOTION. IT'S A VERY PRACTICAL MOTION. AND WE'RE PUTTING
4 A BUNCH OF MONEY INTO IT, INCLUDING ANOTHER ASPECT ON THE
5 DOCKET TODAY, ITEM 18, WHERE WE'RE ATTEMPTING, IF IT PASSES,
6 TO PUT AN EXTRA 20 MILLION UP ALONG WITH ALL THE REST OF IT
7 OUT OF MONEY THAT THE COUNTY GETS BACK FROM THE STATE. THAT
8 SAID, YOU CAN SEE FROM THE MOTIONS FROM THREE OF MY COLLEAGUES
9 THAT WE ARE ALSO CONCERNED ABOUT WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH MEN'S
10 CENTRAL JAIL. WE DON'T LIKE INCARCERATION AS AN ANSWER. BUT
11 OVER THE NEXT 10 YEARS, IT SEEMS UNLIKELY TO ME THAT WE WILL
12 BE ABLE TO DIVERT EVERY SINGLE PERSON. AND WHAT WILL HAPPEN IS
13 IF WE DO NOT TEAR DOWN THAT ABOMINATION, MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL,
14 AND PUT SOMETHING IN ITS PLACE THAT IS TRULY A TREATMENT
15 FACILITY AS PART OF THE CONTINUUM, THEN ALL THAT WILL HAPPEN
16 IS PEOPLE WHO NEED MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT WILL BE IN OTHER
17 JAILS IN THE COUNTY WITHOUT ANY TREATMENT AT ALL. WE COULD
18 IMAGINE THAT EVERYONE CAN BE DIVERTED, BUT THE TRUTH IS
19 EVERYONE CANNOT. SO, IN ADDITION, THE MONEY THAT WE STAND TO
20 GAIN FROM THE STATE TO IMPROVE MIRA LOMA IS IMPORTANT TO ME,
21 AS WELL, BECAUSE THE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL AS IT'S CALLED NOW IS
22 ABOUT MEN IN JAIL. WHEN WE BUILD A NEW FACILITY, IT'S
23 PRIMARILY GOING TO BE MEN IN THE FACILITY AND SOME WOMEN. WHAT
24 ARE WE DOING FOR THE WOMEN? SO MIRA LOMA IS A WAY TO TRY TO
25 BRING THAT FACILITY UP TO A PLACE WHERE THERE'S JOB TRAINING,

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1 WHERE THERE'S INVESTMENT IN THE FUTURE, THERE'S HELP IN
2 TRANSITION. THAT, I THINK, IS ALSO IMPORTANT. HOWEVER, I
3 APPRECIATE THAT, BELIEVE ME, I KNOW. I'M TRYING TO FIND A WAY
4 THAT WE CAN CHANGE THIS SYSTEM. BUT I'M NOT FANTASIZING THAT
5 IT CHANGES IN A MINUTE. SO WE'RE MOVING FORWARD AS I SAID WITH
6 THE DIVERSION MOTION AS THE MOST IMPORTANT THING. I CANNOT
7 AGREE WITH MY COLLEAGUE DON KNABE OR SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH
8 ABOUT THE PROPOSED SIZE OF ANY NEW FACILITY BUILT. BUT WE HAVE
9 LOOKED AT THE H.M.A. REPORT WHICH CAME IN WITH A LOWBALL
10 NUMBER OF 4600 AND THOUGHT ABOUT HOW THEY CAME TO THAT NUMBER.
11 THERE WERE ONLY 2500 SLOTS ASSIGNED FOR PEOPLE WITH MODERATE
12 OVERSIGHT HOUSING, WHICH I AM CONVINCED MANY OF THEM CAN GO
13 INTO THESE NEW FACILITIES, EVEN IF SOME OF THEM ARE LOCKED. SO
14 I WOULD PROPOSE AMENDING SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH'S MOTION TO A
15 LEVEL THAT IS SOMEHOW IN THE MIDDLE, 3,885. BIGGER THAN I
16 WOULD HAVE WANTED, SMALLER THAN WHAT THEY WANT. BUT I WANT TO
17 GET THIS BEHIND ME. (DISRUPTION). [GAVEL.]

18

19 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** I'M CERTAIN WE ALL KNOW HOW IMPORTANT THIS
20 IS TO EACH OF US INDIVIDUALLY. IT IS NOT REALLY ALL THAT
21 DIFFERENT UP HERE THAN IT IS IN THE AUDIENCE WHERE MOST OF US
22 HAVE BEEN MOST OUR LIVES. WE CARE. THE DIFFERENCE IS, WE HAVE
23 TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO MAKE THESE PROGRAMS WORK, HOW TO BUILD
24 THEM, HOW TO ASSIGN THEM, HOW TO WORK ON THEM. SO I WOULD LIKE
25 TO SUGGEST AS WE COME TO THESE VOTES, I REALLY APPRECIATE THE

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1 THOUGHT THAT MY COLLEAGUE, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, HAS PUT INTO HER
2 MOTION. THERE'S A LOT THERE. IT'S A NUMBER LOWER THAN I CAN
3 SUPPORT TODAY. AND I'M NOT CERTAIN I WANT TO ENGAGE H.M.A. IN
4 GOING FORWARD. I LIKE THEIR WORK VERY MUCH. BUT I HAVEN'T SEEN
5 THE IMPLEMENTATION ASPECT AS BEING THE FORTE. SO DO YOU KNOW
6 WHAT, IT'S ONE OF THE THINGS I WANT US TO THINK ABOUT. SO I
7 WILL SUPPORT SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH'S MOTION WITH A CHANGE OF
8 THE NUMBER TO 3885. THAT'S WHAT I WILL PROPOSE AS WE GET TO
9 EACH OF OUR VOTES. THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS? SUPERVISOR SOLIS?
12 (AUDIENCE INTERRUPTION). PLEASE, IF YOU'RE GOING TO SPEAK OUT,
13 WE WILL BE REMOVING YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS? THEN I HAVE SOME
14 QUESTIONS.

15

16 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR. I WOULD JUST LIKE TO
17 GO BACK TO THE ORIGINAL MOTION ON TODAY'S AGENDA, 49-C, THE
18 DIVERSION PLAN THAT WAS INTRODUCED BY MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS. AND
19 I DO BELIEVE IT IS A HISTORIC DAY FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AND
20 I THINK IT'S A PROUD DAY THAT WE CAN VOTE TOGETHER ON
21 SOMETHING THAT WE ALL KNOW ON THIS BOARD IS VERY IMPORTANT AND
22 CRITICAL TO OUR SUCCESS AS WE MOVE FORWARD. I HAVE AN ARTICLE
23 I'D LIKE TO SUBMIT AND SHARE WITH THE BOARD FOR THE RECORD.
24 AND THAT ARTICLE CONCLUDES ITS DIVERSION PROGRAMS ARE
25 ASSOCIATED WITH A \$2,800 LOWER PER-PERSON COST TO THE

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1 TAXPAYER. IN THE LONG RUN, THIS WILL ALL SAVE US MONEY,
2 THERE'S NO DOUBT ABOUT IT. BUT IT'S ALSO CLEAR THAT A
3 TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF WORK MUST BE DONE TO CREATE THE CAPACITY
4 FOR COMMUNITY TREATMENT. SUCH TREATMENT MUST BE COST-
5 EFFECTIVE, HIGH QUALITY, BUT ABOVE ALL IT MUST BE SAFE TO THE
6 SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES. WE'RE NOT THE FIRST COUNTY TO
7 UNDERTAKE SUCH EFFORTS. DIVERSION PROGRAMS HAVE BEEN
8 SUCCESSFULLY BUILT IN ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA, COOK COUNTY,
9 ILLINOIS, AND BEXAR COUNTY, TEXAS, SAN ANTONIO. THIS MOTION,
10 AS WE KNOW, IS A CRITICAL STEP IN THAT DIRECTION. ESPECIALLY,
11 I'M PLEASED THIS MOTION PRIORITIZES HOUSING COUPLED WITH WRAP-
12 AROUND SERVICES. IT IS ABSOLUTELY CRITICAL THAT THESE SERVICES
13 INCLUDE JOB TRAINING, WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT, LEGAL SERVICES,
14 RESTORATIVE JUSTICE PROGRAMS. AND LASTLY I WANT TO UNDERSCORE
15 HOW IMPORTANT IT IS THAT WE HIRE A DIRECTOR OF STERLING
16 QUALIFICATIONS. IN THE MENTAL HEALTH LITERATURE THEY CALL THIS
17 PERSON A "BOUNDARY SPANNER" BECAUSE SHE OR HE NEEDS TO HAVE
18 CLINICAL MENTAL HEALTH EXPERIENCE AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE
19 EXPERIENCE. THERE ARE ALSO OTHER SEVERAL ADJUSTMENTS THAT I
20 HAVE TO THE MOTION THAT ARE LISTED ON THE HANDOUT BEFORE YOU.
21 FIRST I'D LIKE TO ASK THAT WE NAME THE OFFICE, SHOULD BE
22 CALLED THE OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND RE-ENTRY INSTEAD OF THE
23 OFFICE OF DIVERSION. THE PROPOSED PERMANENT STEERING COMMITTEE
24 SHOULD ALSO INCLUDE THE LOS ANGELES CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE,
25 SIGNIFICANTLY MORE COMMUNITY REPRESENTATION, AT LEAST ONE

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1 REPRESENTATIVE OF MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE PROVIDERS AND ONE
2 REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE MENTAL HEALTH ADVOCACY ORGANIZATION,
3 THE OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND RE-ENTRY SHOULD BE JOINTLY
4 RESPONSIBLE WITH THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT FOR DEVELOPING THE
5 APPLICATION FOR THE SECOND PHASE OF THE MACARTHUR GRANT. THE
6 OFFICE SHOULD BE COLLABORATING WITH, NOT LEADING, THE
7 APPLICATION FOR THE MACARTHUR FOUNDATION GRANT. I RESPECTFULLY
8 SUBMIT THIS MOTION TO THE BOARD.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. LET ME ASK A COUPLE QUESTIONS.
11 THE COUNTY HAS BEEN INVOLVED ON A JAIL PLAN SINCE 2005, SO 10
12 YEARS HAVE GONE BY SINCE WE ARE TODAY COMING TO A CONCLUSION
13 ON THAT PROCESS. ON THE SAME DAY THAT JAIL WAS APPROVED, THERE
14 WAS A MOTION FOR A COMPREHENSIVE DIVERSION PROGRAM FOR THE
15 COUNTY. TODAY WE HAVE NOT ONE BUT TWO INDEPENDENT STUDIES
16 INFORMING US ON THE NEED TO IMMEDIATELY REPLACE MEN'S CENTRAL
17 JAIL AND WHAT THE SIZE MEANS. WE ALSO HAVE THE D.A.'S.
18 DIVERSION PROGRAM, WHICH OUR DISTRICT ATTORNEY SO ELOQUENTLY
19 DESCRIBED TO US. THE MOST RECENT JAIL PLAN STUDY BY H.M.A.
20 ALSO INFORMED US THAT THE JAIL PLAN AND DIVERSION WERE NOT
21 COMPETING, BUT COMPLEMENTARY TO ONE ANOTHER. THUS I SEE THE
22 TWO THINGS, THESE TWO MOVING FORWARD HAND IN HAND. THE
23 MENTALLY ILL OFFENDERS COMPRISE APPROXIMATELY 20 PERCENT OF
24 THE JAIL POPULATION, WHICH IS THE FOCUS OF DIVERSION EFFORTS.
25 MEANWHILE, WE IGNORE THE REMAINING 80 PERCENT OF THE

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1 POPULATION WHICH ARE IN OVERCROWDED CONDITIONS. UNIVERSITY OF
2 IRVINE HAS GIVEN THE PROJECTED GROWTH OF THE JAIL POPULATION.
3 H.M.A.'S PROJECTIONS ALSO SHOWED INCREASE OF MENTALLY ILL
4 OFFENDERS OVER THE NEXT TEN YEARS. IF ALL WE DO IS RELY ON
5 DIVERSION, WE END UP WITH EARLY RELEASE BY DESIGN AND NOT DUE
6 TO LACK OF SPACE OR RESOURCES AND THAT'S NOT SOUND PUBLIC
7 POLICY. IT HARMS OUR COMMUNIT AND IT RE-OFFENDS VICTIMS.
8 TERRI, PRIOR TO THE H.M.A. STUDY, THE SHERIFF WAS PROPOSING A
9 4,800 TO 3,900 AND I UNDERSTAND THAT YOU AND THE SHERIFF HAVE
10 NEW INFORMATION ABOUT THE JAIL POPULATION AND YOU'RE NO LONGER
11 SUPPORTING THE 3900 BEDS? WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE IN OPINION?

12

13 **TERRI MCDONALD:** MR. MAYOR, TERRI MCDONALD, SHERIFF'S
14 DEPARTMENT. FIRST OF ALL, THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THIS
15 IMPORTANT DIALOG TODAY OF DIVERSION, OF TREATMENT. THANK YOU
16 TO THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY FOR INCREDIBLE LEADERSHIP OF THE
17 LARGEST COUNTY IN THE NATION. IT'S VERY IMPRESSIVE. WHEN WE
18 PROPOSED THE 3900, WE LOOKED AT A SYSTEMS APPROACH. WE DIDN'T
19 JUST FOCUS ON THE MENTALLY ILL INMATES, BUT WE LOOKED AT
20 OVERCROWDING IN ALL OF THE EXISTING JAILS. WHEN WE PROPOSED
21 THE 3900, IT WAS PRIOR TO THE PROJECTIONS FROM BOTH U.C.I. AND
22 H.M.A. HAD I DONE THAT SAME ACTION TODAY, I WOULD NOT BE
23 PROPOSING 3900, BECAUSE AT 3900-- AND FRANKLY, I APPRECIATE
24 VERY MUCH THE 3900, AND I APPRECIATE YOU GUYS ARE TRYING TO
25 HELP. BUT THE PROBLEM AT 3900 FROM MY PROFESSIONAL PERSPECTIVE

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1 IS, IN THE LONG RUN, IT'S GOING TO LEAD TO THE MENTALLY ILL
2 STILL BEING HOUSED IN TWIN TOWERS AND IT'S GOING TO LEAD TO
3 ONGOING CROWDING IN OUR OTHER JAILS. WE HAVE TO DO DIVERSION.
4 WE MUST DO DIVERSION. BUT THE REALITY OF IT IS, THE 3900 IS A
5 20 PERCENT SOLUTION. WE'RE RUNNING 4,000 TO 5,000 INMATES
6 ABOVE THE STATE RATED CAPACITY IN THE REMAINING JAILS. SO WHEN
7 I PROPOSED THE 3900, IT WAS BEFORE THE PROJECTIONS. I HAVE NEW
8 INFORMATION TODAY AND I ALSO TOLD YOU GUYS, EVERY DAY THAT YOU
9 ASK, SOME NEW INFORMATION COMES FORWARD. SO AS A BOARD, YOU
10 JUST HAVE TO MAKE THE BEST DECISIONS BASED ON THE EVIDENCE IN
11 FRONT OF YOU. IT'S OUR JOB TO MANAGE THE BEST WE CAN WITH WHAT
12 WE HAVE, BUT ALSO TO INFORM THE CHALLENGES THAT ARE GOING TO
13 BE PUT FORWARD. SO I THINK CROWDING IN THE OTHER FACILITIES IS
14 GOING TO REMAIN A PROBLEM, AND I THINK THAT WE'LL CONTINUE TO
15 OVERFLOW THE MENTALLY ILL INTO TWIN TOWERS AT THAT SIZE OF A
16 FACILITY.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WE HAVE ABOUT CLOSE TO 50 PEOPLE WHO
19 HAVE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK. SUPERVISOR DON KNABE.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE:** WELL, I THINK A LOT OF THE DISCUSSION, IT'S ALL
22 BEEN VERY POSITIVE, BUT I ALSO THINK IT FALLS INTO WHAT I WAS
23 SUGGESTING WITH THE FLEXIBILITY, WHERE YOU START WITH THE
24 FOOTPRINT, BUT IF DIVERSION'S SUCCESSFUL, THEN YOU GET AN
25 OPTION TO WORK BACKWARDS, AND I THINK THAT'S IMPORTANT,

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1 BECAUSE WE DON'T ISOLATE OURSELVES. WE'VE HAD STUDY AFTER
2 STUDY AND WE KNOW THE NUMBER'S HIGHER AND SOME OF THESE
3 NUMBERS, I'M NOT SURE WHERE THEY'RE COMING FROM. I KNOW WHAT
4 THE INTENT IS AND IT'S ALL GOOD, BUT THE REALITY IS, THE
5 PROFESSIONALS THAT WE'VE ASKED TO LOOK AT THIS FOR THE LAST
6 TEN YEARS HAVE COME UP WITH A VERY SIGNIFICANTLY HIGHER
7 NUMBER. IN THE MEANTIME, WE HAVE ELEVATED THE DISCUSSION OF
8 DIVERSION WHICH IS VERY IMPORTANT. SO WE TAKE THE EXPERTS'
9 OPINION. WE START WITH A FOOTPRINT OF THAT, BUT IT GIVES US
10 THE ABILITY TO DRAW BACK DOWN IF DIVERSION IS SUCCESSFUL.
11 ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA, DIDN'T START THERE, WHERE THEY'RE
12 SUCCESSFUL NOW, BUT NOW THEY HAVE A 17 PERCENT REDUCTION. WE
13 HAVE THE SAME OPPORTUNITY, IF WE START WITH THE FOOTPRINT AT
14 4600, SHOULD WE HAVE A 15 PERCENT REDUCTION OR OTHERS, WE HAVE
15 THE OPPORTUNITY TO SCALE BACK AND YET STILL DEAL WIT THE
16 ISSUES BEFORE US. SO I JUST THINK IT'S IMPORTANT IN OUR
17 DISCUSSION THAT WHATEVER THAT NUMBER MAY BE, WE NEED TO BE
18 ABLE TO DESIGN FLEXIBILITY INTO THE WHOLE PLAN AND CONTINUE TO
19 WORK TO PUT THE NECESSARY RESOURCES INTO THE DIVERSION
20 PROGRAM. SO I'M NOT ASKING ONE OVER THE OTHER. I'M JUST
21 SAYING, LOOK AT THE FLEXIBILITY FACTOR THAT BOTH THE D.A. AND
22 SHERIFF MCDONNELL HAVE INDICATED MIGHT BE SO IMPORTANT TO WHAT
23 WE NEED TWO YEARS FROM NOW OR FIVE YEARS FROM NOW.
24

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY, BECAUSE OF THE NUMBER OF
2 SPEAKERS, IF WE LIMIT IT TO ONE MINUTE, THAT'S GOING TO BE
3 APPROXIMATELY AN HOUR, BUT YOU CAN, IF YOU HAVE SOMEONE THAT
4 ALSO SIGNED UP WITH YOU WHO WANTS TO GIVE THEM YOUR TIME, THEN
5 YOU CAN SPEAK ON THEIR TIME AS WELL. I'M SORRY, SHERIFF.

6

7 **NEIL TYLER:** I DID WANT TO BRING YOU A MESSAGE FROM SHERIFF JIM
8 MCDONNELL, BECAUSE I'M REPRESENTING HIM TODAY. I'M NEIL TYLER,
9 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, INTERIM UNDER SHERIFF. EVEN THOUGH HE'S OUT
10 OF TOWN, HE'S VITALLY AWARE OF WHAT'S GOING ON THIS MORNING.
11 HE CALLED ME THIS MORNING AND WE TALKED ABOUT ASPECTS OF THIS,
12 SO I'VE BEEN ASKED TO CONVEY AT LEAST A FEW SENTIMENTS TO YOU.
13 I'LL DO IT RIGHT NOW. HE'S STILL VERY INVESTED AND CONCERNED,
14 EVEN IF HE'S SEVERAL STATES OVER. WHEN HE TOOK OFFICE, HE
15 ACCEPTED THE ACCOUNTABILITY AND RESPONSIBILITY FOR BOTH
16 CONSTITUTIONAL POLICING AND JAILING, AS WELL AS PUBLIC SAFETY.
17 AND HE PUT THEM IN THAT ORDER, BECAUSE HE THINKS THEY'RE TIED.
18 IT'S NOT ALWAYS PUBLIC SAFETY FIRST, BECAUSE WE OPERATE IN A
19 DEMOCRACY AND THERE ARE OTHER CONSIDERATIONS BESIDES PUBLIC
20 SAFETY. HE'S FULLY AWARE OF THAT, SO HE'S BEEN BALANCING MANY
21 COMPETING FACTORS AND ALL THE DECISIONMAKING ABOUT HOW TO
22 MANAGE THE JAILS. THE NEED TO REHABILITATE AND TO TREAT FAIRLY
23 IS JUST AS MUCH ON HIS MIND AS THE NEED TO ENSURE PUBLIC
24 SAFETY. HE IS LOOKING FOR WHAT TERRI MCDONALD JUST DESCRIBED,
25 A SYSTEMS SOLUTION, NOT RELIANT ON EARLY RELEASE AS A PUBLIC

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1 SAFETY MEASURE, WHICH IS SHORT SIGHTED, ILL ADVISED AND NOT
2 WHAT HE WANTS TO DO, OR NEITHER WITH THE BOARD. AS TERRI
3 POINTED OUT, WE'RE ALREADY OVER CAPACITY AND THAT'S ONE OF THE
4 CONCERNS WITH RESPECT TO THIS DECISION, AS WELL AS WHAT'S BEST
5 FOR THE MENTALLY ILL INMATES WE HAVE. HE'S ASKING YOU TO
6 LISTEN TO THE EXPERTS. AND HE'S IDENTIFYING THE PERSON TO MY
7 LEFT, TERRI MCDONALD, AS AN EXPERT THAT WE TOOK AWAY FROM THE
8 STATE, WHO IS SOMEBODY TO BE RELIED ON ABOUT THESE ESTIMATES.
9 I KNOW THE BOARD'S ALL OPERATING IN GOOD FAITH ALONG WITH
10 THEIR STAFFS IN TRYING TO PREDICT OR GUESS WHAT NUMBER OF BEDS
11 WE MIGHT NEED IN A FACILITY. AND HE GOES BACK TO, GEE, LISTEN
12 TO THE EXPERTS. I'M ACCOUNTABLE FOR THE JAIL. I'M RECOMMENDING
13 4860-BED MAX CAPACITY CORRECTIONAL TREATMENT FACILITY. AND I
14 FEEL IT'S IMPORTANT TO EMPHASIZE TO THE BOARD THAT THE
15 EXPERTS, WHETHER IT'S THE THREE EXPERTS THAT DID THE HYPER
16 RESEARCH THAT WE'VE ALREADY DISCUSSED OR TERRI MCDONALD, WHO
17 HAS BEEN HELPING US RUN THIS JAIL FOR 2-1/2 YEARS, THE SHERIFF
18 ALSO WANTS ME TO CONVEY HIS APPRECIATION AS TERRI ALREADY DID
19 SO CAPABLY FOR THE BOARD'S CONSIDERATION DIVERSION AN
20 IMPORTANT, IMPORTANT PIECE OF WHAT THIS COUNTY'S INVESTED IN
21 OVER THE COURSE OF THE NEXT SEVERAL DECADES. SO BY ARGUING IN
22 FAVOR OF THIS C.C.T.F. UPPER BOUND, HE IS NOT ARGUING AGAINST
23 DIVERSION. HE'S NOT SHORT SHRIFTING DIVERSION. HE'S NOT
24 VIEWING IT AS SOMETHING THAT DOESN'T EXIST IN HIS MIND. HE'S
25 TRYING TO MAKE SURE WE HAVE THE FLEXIBILITY GOING INTO A

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1 PERIOD OF TIME TWO DECADES HENCE TO CHANGE OUR DECISIONMAKING
2 TO SOME EXTENT WITHOUT SPENDING MORE MONEY LATER OR INCURRING
3 THE RISK OF CIVIL LITIGATION BECAUSE OF UNCONSTITUTIONAL
4 JAILING. AT THE SAME TIME, HE VERY MUCH RESPECTS, HE SAID
5 HIMSELF A WEEK OR TWO AGO, I GUESS A WEEK AGO TO JACKIE ABOUT
6 HOW GREAT THE WORK OF HER COMMITTEE WAS AND HOW IMPORTANT IT
7 IS. SO THANK YOU FOR THE TIME TO CONVEY SHERIFF MCDONNELL'S
8 PERSONAL SENTIMENTS, AND, MAYOR ANTONOVICH, THANK YOU SO MUCH.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. SO IF YOU'RE
11 GOING TO GIVE YOUR TIME TO ANOTHER SPEAKER, COME UP FRONT AND
12 GIVE THAT INFORMATION TO THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER SO WE CAN NOTE
13 THAT. SO LET ME CALL UP DANIELLE WILDKRESS. DR. GENEVIEVE
14 CLAVREUL. MR. ROBERT LUCAS. MARSHA TEMPLE.

15

16 **DANIELLE WILDKRESS:** HI, I'LL BE BRIEF. MY NAME IS DANIELLE
17 WILDKRESS. I'M AT THE ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR FOR THE LOS ANGELES
18 PROGRAM FOR THE CORPORATION FOR SUPPORTIVE HOUSING. TODAY I'M
19 ALSO SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF HOME FOR GOOD WHICH IS A PUBLIC
20 PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP FOCUSED ON ENDING HOMELESSNESS HERE IN
21 L.A. COUNTY. WE STRONGLY ENDORSE THE MOTION 49-C. WE THINK AN
22 INVESTMENT IN SUPPORTIVE HOUSING IS EXACTLY THE KIND OF STEP
23 THAT THE COMMUNITY NEEDS TO TAKE, AND WE APPRECIATE THAT THE
24 BOARD IS LOOKING TO ATTACH THIS TO THE COORDINATED ENTRY
25 SYSTEM. SO THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP.

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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. DOCTOR?

3

4 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD MORNING, DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL.

5 I WILL GIVE MY TIME TO ROBERT LUCAS WHO IS THE NEXT PERSON.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MR. LUCAS, TWO MINUTES. BEFORE YOU

8 SPEAK, I'LL CALL UP EDILBERTO FLORES AND DWAYNE DIXON. YES,

9 MA'AM.

10

11 **MARSHA TEMPLE:** MARSHA TEMPLE, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE

12 INTEGRATED RECOVERY NETWORK. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISORS

13 RIDLEY-THOMAS AND SHEILA KUEHL FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP. THANK YOU

14 VERY MUCH. THIS IS A VERY EXCELLENT THING. I'M PLEASED THAT

15 THE OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND RE-ENTRY WILL BE IN THE DEPARTMENT

16 OF HEALTH SERVICES? WE'RE TALKING ABOUT PEOPLE'S HEALTHCARE

17 AND THAT'S WHERE IT BELONGS. I WOULD JUST LIKE TO ADD

18 SOMETHING, AND I APPRECIATE SUPERVISOR SOLIS BRINGING THIS UP.

19 I WOULD LIKE TO SEE COMMUNITY INPUT ON THIS VERY IMPORTANT

20 OFFICE. THIS IS DIVERSION FROM THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM TO

21 COMMUNITY-BASED TREATMENT. SO LET'S HAVE SOME COMMUNITY INPUT

22 ON THE NEW POSITION. THANK YOU.

23

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, MA'AM. LET ME ALSO CALL UP
2 MARY SUTTON AND JOSEPH MAIZLISH. MR. LUCAS, YOU HAVE TWO
3 MINUTES.

4
5 **ROBERT LUCAS:** GOOD AFTERNOON ONCE AGAIN. YOU KNOW, THIS IS A
6 VERY DELICATE SUBJECT FOR ME BECAUSE HALF OF MY LIFE WAS SPENT
7 IN AND OUT OF THAT JAIL AND STATE PRISON. I NEVER GOT THE
8 OPPORTUNITY FOR ANY DIVERSION. I NEVER GOT THE OPPORTUNITY IN
9 THE JAIL FOR ANYBODY TO EVEN CARE. WHAT I DID GET WAS SOME
10 SOCIETAL ISSUES THAT ARE GOING ON NOW THAT ARE STILL ALIVE. I
11 AGREE WITH MRS. KUEHL, THEY OUGHT TO KNOCK THAT THING TO THE
12 GROUND BECAUSE YOU WALK IN THERE AND IT OMITS AN ENERGY THAT
13 IS NOT HEALTHY, IT'S NOT GOOD, AND IT HAS NO INCLINATION OR
14 CONNECTION TO REHABILITATION AT ALL. THE SMELL OF THE PLACE
15 WILL CAUSE YOU TO CRINGE. THE FACT IS-- THE PROBLEMS IN SOME
16 OF THE ASPECTS ARE THE JUDGES THAT SENTENCE THE PEOPLE FOR
17 THESE MINUSCULE CRIMES THAT PUT THEM IN THIS SYSTEM BECAUSE I
18 FOR ONE GOT LOST IN IT FOR 25 YEARS. YOU SAY DIVERSION. THIS
19 IS STILL GOING TO BE ENTRUSTED TO THE PEOPLE WHO ARE IN THE
20 JAIL. I NEVER GOT THAT OPPORTUNITY BECAUSE MY SECURITY LEVEL
21 WAS TOO HIGH. I WAS TOO HARD OF A CASE. I NEVER GOT THOSE
22 OPPORTUNITIES. BUT I WATCHED THEM SELECTIVELY PICK PEOPLE TO
23 GO THROUGH THE PROCESS WHILE I WAS UP BEING INFLUENCED BY A
24 NEGATIVE CULTURE THAT ACTUALLY CONTRIBUTED TO MY DEMISE. AND I
25 MADE THAT CHOICE BECAUSE I WASN'T ACCEPTED OUT HERE. THE ONLY

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1 FAMILY THAT WOULD ACCEPT ME WAS THE TWISTED CULTURE THAT IS
2 PRISON AND JAIL. THEY'LL ACCEPT ANYBODY BECAUSE ALL YOU HAVE
3 TO DO IS DO WHAT'S ASKED OF YOU. THE FACT OF THE MATTER IS:
4 THE SAME ENERGY FOR THAT IS THE CURE. IF YOU DO WHAT'S ASKED
5 OF YOU FOR THE RESOURCES AVAILABLE OUT HERE AND DO WHAT'S
6 ASKED OF YOU, YOU'LL FIND YOUR FUTURE.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, MR. LUCAS. YES, MA'AM.

9 [APPLAUSE.] RAISE YOUR HAND, RAISE YOUR WHAT HAPPENED.

10

11 **TANISHA DENARD:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS TANISHA. I'M FROM
12 THE YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION. I WILL BE SPEAKING IN PLACE OF
13 EDILBERTO FLORES WHO HAD TO LEAVE EARLY. I WOULD URGE YOU GUYS
14 TO TAKE AWAY THE JAIL EXPANSION PLAN BECAUSE ONE, THERE IS A
15 LOT OF COMMUNITY ALTERNATIVES PRESENTED TO YOU GUYS THAT SHOW
16 YOU GUYS REAL RE-ENTRY THINGS THAT SOME COMMUNITY
17 ORGANIZATIONS ARE ALREADY DOING AND HAVE LEARNED FROM. SO
18 THERE ARE MANY PROGRAMS AND ALTERNATIVES THAT WE HAVE PROPOSED
19 TO YOU FROM DIFFERENT ORGANIZATIONS, C.U.R.B., YOUTH JUSTICE
20 COALITION. ALSO I HEARD YOU GUYS TALKING ABOUT GETTING
21 SCHOOLING AND TRAINING INSIDE THIS FACILITY WHEN I FEEL LIKE
22 THAT SHOULD BE DONE AHEAD OF TIME. YOU FIND OUT WHAT KIND OF
23 CHARGE YOU ARE ARRESTING SOMEBODY FOR, THEY SHOULD BE
24 EVALUATED AND SENT TO JOB READINESS CLASS BEFORE THEY GO TO
25 PRISON FOR ALL THESE YEARS AND YOU WANT TO SEND THEM TO JOB

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1 READINESS AND STUFF LIKE THAT, BECAUSE I DON'T FEEL LIKE
2 HAVING JOB READINESS CLASSES AFTER YOU GET SENT TO JAIL FOR A
3 MINOR CRIME IS GOING TO BE USEFUL. ALSO, YOU GUYS CAN USE A
4 LOT OF DIVERSION AND SPLIT SENTENCING AND COMPASSIONATE
5 RELEASE BECAUSE A LOT OF PEOPLE WHO ARE IN JAIL ARE VERY SICK,
6 AS ONE OF THE FAMILIES WHO WILL SPEAKS IN A LITTLE WHILE,
7 FAMILY WAS SICK AND DYING IN JAIL AND YOU GUYS DON'T CARE. YOU
8 GUYS WANT TO BUILD JAILS IN PLACES THAT AREN'T EVEN--

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.] YES, SIR.

11

12 **DWAYNE DIXON:** YEAH, GOOD AFTERNOON, MY NAME IS DWAYNE DIXON.
13 SHEILA, MARK, MICHAEL, DON, HILDA, I SAY YOUR FIRST NAME NOT
14 BY DISRESPECT, BUT I WANT YOU TO GET TO KNOW ME BY FIRST NAME,
15 I'M DWAYNE. I WORK IN RE-ENTRY. I WORK WITH YOUTH JUSTICE
16 COALITION FAIR CHANCE PROJECT. WE WORK AS AN ORGANIZATION
17 THAT'S HELPING THE ACTIVE PAROLE, THE ACTIVE PROBATION, THE
18 TERMED-OUT PROBATION, THE TERMED-OUT PAROLE, THOSE THAT ARE
19 JUST LIKE FALLING THROUGH THE CRACKS WHO ARE NOT ON PROBATION
20 OR PAROLE WHO RELAPSED AND NOW IS COMING BACK. WE GOT GUYS
21 COMING HOME EVERY DAY WANTS TO GIVE BACK. THEY WANT TO BE ROLE
22 MODELS. THEY WANT TO BE MENTORS. THEY WANT TO BE PEACE
23 BUILDERS. THEY WANT TO BE INTERVENTION WORKERS. THESE GUYS ARE
24 COMING HOME WITH ABILITY TO WANT TO GIVE BACK. AND SO WE SET
25 EXAMPLE WITH CURRENT PRICE. WE DID A [INAUDIBLE] PROGRAM. WE

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1 KNITTED OURSELF TO COMMUNITY. WE DID A MAJOR CLEANUP IN THE
2 COMMUNITY, FREE OF CHARGE. WE DO IT FOR SENIOR CITIZENS. WE DO
3 IT FOR LOW INCOME. AND WE DO IT FOR MEDICAL FRAGILE
4 INDIVIDUALS IN THE COMMUNITY. THESE ARE EX-OFFENDER
5 POPULATIONS THAT WANT TO REBUILD AND BE PART OF THEIR
6 COMMUNITIES. NOW, I SAY JAIL IS NOT THE ANSWER BECAUSE EACH
7 TIME A PERSON GOES TO JAIL AND COME HOME, THEY HAVE TO RE-
8 CONSTRUCT THEIR LIVES. RIGHT NOW WE HAVE PROGRAMS OUT HERE.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. DWAYNE, THANK YOU. MIKE,
11 SHEILA, MARK AND DON, WE THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP MARK
12 KARMETZ AND CARRIE LOVE. MISS SUTTON?

13

14 **MARY SUTTON:** MARY SUTTON WITH THE NO MORE JAILS COALITION. I
15 FEEL I SHOULD HAVE ABOUT 6 MINUTES BECAUSE WE DON'T EVEN KNOW
16 WHAT WE'RE SPEAKING TO. YOU HAVE ADDED THREE MOTIONS ON TOP OF
17 ONE MOTION THAT WAS ADDED TO THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA ON
18 FRIDAY. THIS DOESN'T SEEM QUITE RIGHT. WE WERE TOTALLY IN
19 SUPPORT OF THE HUGE DIVERSION EFFORTS IN THE MOTION THAT WAS
20 BEFORE US. ATTACHING THE WOMEN'S JAIL TO IT CANNOT HAPPEN. YOU
21 CANNOT VOTE ON THIS TODAY. I HOPE YOU WILL NOT. BECAUSE
22 DIVERSION WILL MAKE THE WOMEN'S JAIL PLAN IN LANCASTER
23 OBSOLETE BECAUSE WOMEN NEED A COMMUNITY CENTER IN THE
24 COMMUNITY WITH JOB TRAINING, CHILDCARE, EDUCATION AND SUPPORT
25 FOR SUPPORTING THEIR FAMILIES. YOU CANNOT ADD-- YOU DO NOT

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1 NEED THE LEAST REVENUE BOND, BACK DOOR FUNDING, IT'S THE 1
2 PERCENT SUCKING TAXPAYER DOLLARS OFF THE TOP, AND WE NEVER
3 EVEN VOTED FOR THE JAIL. WE HAVE THOUSANDS OF SIGNATURES ON A
4 PETITION SAYING THAT PEOPLE OF CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES DON'T
5 WANT MORE JAILS AND DON'T WANT MORE PRISONS. AND IF FOUR YEARS
6 AGO IF THEY DID THE RIGHT THING WITH THE BILLION DOLLARS THAT
7 THE COUNTY HAS RECEIVED, YOU WOULD NOT NEED-- YOU COULD TEAR
8 DOWN MEN'S CENTRAL--

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU MISS SUTTON. [APPLAUSE]
11 THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU. THANK YOU, MISS SUTTON. THANK
12 YOU, MISS SUTTON. (OFF MIC CONVERSATION ONGOING). THANK YOU,
13 THANK YOU, THANK YOU. MISS SUTTON, PLEASE. MISS SUTTON.
14 (AUDIENCE DISRUPTION).

15

16 **SPEAKER:** I'D LIKE TO YIELD MY MINUTE.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET ME ALSO CALL UP MARC ANTHONY
19 JOHNSON. JOSEPH?

20

21 **JOSEPH MAIZLISH:** THE LARGEST-- SUPERVISOR KUEHL? SUPERVISOR
22 KUEHL, PLEASE. THE LARGEST CAPITAL PROJECT IN COUNTY HISTORY,
23 THIS HAS BEEN CALLED. A SUBSTANTIVE CHANGE IN A MOTION THAT
24 WAS PLACED ON THE AGENDA FRIDAY. THIS REQUIRES NOT ONLY 72-
25 HOUR NOTICE, BUT THE SPIRIT OF IT, ALSO, MEDIA DISCUSSION,

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1 PUBLIC DISCUSSION. AND THE INTENTION TO FUND IT BY LOADING THE
2 FUTURE WITH THE LEAST REVENUE BOND TRICK, WHICH OUGHT TO BE
3 PRESENTED TO THEM. SOMETHING THAT PORTENTIOUS, 120 MILLION A
4 YEAR, OUGHT TO BE PRESENTED TO THE VOTERS AND THE MOTIONS
5 OUGHT TO BE PRESENTED TO THE PUBLIC AND THE MEDIA RIGHT NOW.
6 THAT IT'S NOT, IS A STAIN ON ANY ATTEMPTS TO REDUCE ALIENATION
7 BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND THE CITIZENRY. THE WOMEN'S
8 POPULATION QUITE CORRECTLY IS GOING TO REDUCE MORE
9 PROPORTIONATELY THAN THE MEN'S ON EVERY KIND OF REDUCTION:
10 SPLITS, PRETRIAL, EVERYTHING ELSE. AND ONE MORE THING, IN THE
11 PAST THE HISTORY HAS SHOWN US THAT YOU BUILD THEM, YOU BUILD
12 THE CONCRETE BUILDINGS, BUT THE PROMISES FOR SERVICES ARE
13 SACRIFICED TO THE PRESSURES OF BUDGETING. WE'VE SEEN IT TIME
14 AND AGAIN. OVERBUILD.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP GABRIEL
17 GARCIA.

18

19 **SPEAKER:** THE NATIONAL MENTAL HEALTH CONSUMER SELF-HELP
20 CLEARING HOUSE, I MENTIONED THIS LAST WEEK, SPONSORED A
21 PROGRAM, SPONSORED A WEBINAR THAT TOOK PLACE ON THE 23RD THAT
22 HAD TO DO WITH PEOPLE-- DIVERSION PROGRAMS FROM JAILS. IT IS
23 ON THE INTERNET. IT IS ON THE NATIONAL MENTAL HEALTH CONSUMER
24 SELF-HELP CLEARINGHOUSE WEBSITE. WE WANT TO GET THESE
25 DIVERSION PROGRAMS GOING. IT DEALT WITH INCARCERATION TO HAVE

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1 A PROGRAM IN NEW YORK CALLED CASES, WHICH IS PART OF THE
2 NATHANIEL PROJECT THERE, WHICH INCREASES PUBLIC SAFETY THROUGH
3 INNOVATIVE PROGRAMS THAT REDUCE CRIME AND INCARCERATION TO
4 IMPROVE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH. THE COURTS THERE GOT INVOLVED WITH
5 IT AND ARE ACCOUNTABLE THROUGH CLOSE COOPERATION WITH JUDGES,
6 STUFF LIKE THAT.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. YES, MA'AM.

9

10 **SPEAKER:** I'LL CLOSE RIGHT NOW.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, SIR. YES, MA'AM.

13

14 **CARRIE LOVE:** I'M CARRIE LILAND LOVE WITH DIGNITY AND POWER
15 NOW. AND I WANT TO SAY THAT WE DO NOT NEED A NEW JAIL OF ANY
16 KIND. WE DON'T NEED A NEW JAIL CONSTRUCTION OF ANY KIND. I
17 UNDERSTAND THAT THERE ARE PROPOSALS BEING MADE TODAY WHERE THE
18 TOTAL NUMBER OF BEDS IS REDUCED. AND ANY DECARCERATION,
19 ABSOLUTELY IS POSITIVE. HOWEVER, IT NEED NOT INCLUDE ANY
20 CONSTRUCTION OF NEW JAILS. I THINK IT'S COUNTER TO THE OVERALL
21 GOALS OF DECARCERATION. NO MATTER WHAT, NO NEW JAIL
22 CONSTRUCTION. ALSO BECAUSE THERE IS ACTUALLY NO SUCH THING AS
23 A MENTAL HEALTH JAIL. THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS A JAIL THAT
24 SERVES PEOPLE WITH MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS. ALSO I WANT TO
25 REITERATE SOMEONE ELSE BROUGHT UP, AS WELL, IF THIS PROPOSAL

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1 IS VOTED ON TODAY, IT IS A VERY CLEAR VIOLATION OF THE BROWN
2 ACT. THIS INFORMATION WAS ADDED NOT WITHIN 72 HOURS. THANK
3 YOU.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP RAY
6 LEWIS AND FRED RODRIGUEZ AND DYKEE GORRELL HAS GIVEN YOU AN
7 EXTRA MINUTE. SO WE HAVE TWO MINUTES, SIR.

8

9 **MARK ANTHONY JOHNSON:** SO GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MARK
10 ANTHONY JOHNSON WITH DIGNITY AND POWER NOW. WE OBVIOUSLY
11 SUPPORT THE AMOUNT OF RESOURCES BEING POURED INTO DIVERSION.
12 THAT IS A DIRECTION THAT LOS ANGELES NEEDS TO BE GOING IN.
13 HOWEVER, WE DO THINK THAT ATTACHING THE WOMEN'S JAIL TO THIS
14 DIVERSION PLAN IS A TERRIBLE IDEA. WE KNOW THAT 5 WOMEN IN
15 JULY, 5 BLACK WOMEN DIED IN U.S. JAILS ACROSS THE COUNTRY,
16 INCLUDING SANDRA BLAND, INCLUDING JOYCE CURNELL, INCLUDING
17 RALKINDA JONES, INCLUDING ALEXIS MCGOVERN, INCLUDING RAYNETTE
18 TURNER. BUILDING A WOMEN'S JAIL AND ATTACHING IT TO DIVERSION
19 IS CO-SIGNING ON THE ABUSES THAT WOMEN ARE EXPERIENCING, WOMEN
20 WHO ARE EXPERIENCING THESE ABUSES WHILE GETTING MENTAL
21 HEALTHCARE. YOU CANNOT PROMISE ANY OF US WHO HAVE OUR LOVED
22 ONES ON THE INSIDE AT THIS POINT WHO'VE EXPERIENCED MEDICAL
23 NEGLIGENCE AND ABUSE THAT THEY WILL RECEIVE ANY TYPE OF PROPER
24 CARE. THE H.M.A. REPORT WAS FLAWED. THE PROJECTIONS WERE
25 FLAWED. AND I THINK IN PARTICULAR WE HAVE NO CRITERIA FOR HOW

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1 YOU'RE CHOOSING HOW MANY BEDS YOU CAN REDUCE BY. WE ARE
2 DEMANDING THAT YOU REDUCE THE JAIL POPULATION. WE'RE DEMANDING
3 THAT YOU DO NOT BUILD A WOMEN'S JAIL, THAT YOU HAVE A
4 TRANSPARENT PROCESS IN WHICH YOU EXPLAIN THE CRITERIA BY WHICH
5 YOU ARE DECIDING TO REDUCE BEDS, INCLUDING HOW THE D.A.'S PLAN
6 AND THE MACARTHUR GRANT THAT THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT HAS
7 RECEIVED WILL DRIVE THE POPULATION DOWN. YOU KNOW YOU CANNOT
8 VOTE ON THIS. THIS IS AN ILLEGAL VIOLATION OF THE BROWN ACT.
9 YOU INTRODUCED THESE MOTIONS AS INSULTING TO THE PUBLIC,
10 INSULTING TO ALL OF US WHO HAVE LOVED ONES ON THE INSIDE. AND
11 YOU CANNOT MOVE FORWARD ON THIS WITHOUT TAKING THE
12 CONSIDERATION OF THE PUBLIC SERIOUSLY, WITHOUT TAKING THE
13 AMOUNT OF AN BUSES THAT OUR LOVED ONES ARE EXPERIENCING
14 SERIOUSLY WITHOUT TAKING ALL OF THIS INTO ACCOUNT IMMEDIATELY.
15 WE WANT A TRANSPARENT PROCESS IN WHICH THE CRITERIA OF JAIL
16 CONSTRUCTION AND JAIL REDUCTION IS PUT ON THE TABLE FOR US TO
17 WEIGH IN ON.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, SIR. [APPLAUSE] LET ME ALSO
20 CALL UP PETER ELIASBERG? YES, MA'AM.

21

22 **GABRIELLE GARCIA:** MY NAME IS GABRIELLE GARCIA. I'M ALSO WITH
23 DIGNITY AND POWER NOW. I WANT TO FIRST INVOKE THE NAME OF
24 INDIGENOUS PEOPLE WHO LIVED HERE BEFORE AMERICAN CONQUEST AND
25 RECOGNIZE THAT THEY DIDN'T NEED PRISONS. THEY DIDN'T NEED TO

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1 SEPARATE PEOPLE WHO DID WRONG IN THEIR COMMUNITY. THEY
2 ACTUALLY INCORPORATED THEM, AND MANY OF THE TECHNIQUES WE'RE
3 TALKING ABOUT TODAY. I WANT TO REITERATE WHAT MY COLLEAGUES
4 HAVE SAID. WE DON'T WANT ANY NEW JAIL CONSTRUCTION. WE THINK
5 THAT MENTAL HEALTH AND PRISON ARE INCOMPATIBLE. AND WE THINK
6 EVEN SUGGESTING SUCH IS A SLAP IN THE FACE THE COMMUNITY HAS
7 REPEATEDLY TOLD YOU THAT THIS IS NOT WHAT WE WANT. THERE IS
8 NOT WHAT WE WANT OUR MONEY TO BE USED FOR. AND YOU ALL ARE
9 SITTING UNDER THE WORDS THAT THIS GOVERNMENT IS OF THE PEOPLE,
10 FOR THE PEOPLE AND SHALL NOT PERISH FROM THIS EARTH. AND HOW
11 DARE YOU GO BACK ON THAT PROMISE. SO WE THE PEOPLE ARE TELLING
12 YOU WE DO NOT WANT THIS JAIL. WE WANT DIVERSION. BUT WE DON'T
13 WANT AN ADD-ON THAT SAYS THAT PEOPLE ALSO HAVE TO BE
14 INCARCERATED. WE DON'T HAVE TO DO THAT AND WE REFUSE IT AND WE
15 WILL BE HERE EVERY TIME UNTIL YOU LISTEN TO US. SUP.
16 ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE] THANK YOU. ALSO PETER
17 ELIASBERG AND DIANA ZUNIGA. YES, SIR. YOU'RE NEXT. AND THEN
18 MR. LEWIS WHO HAS TWO MINUTES.

19

20 **RAY LEWIS:** GREETINGS. MY NAME IS RAY LEWIS OUT OF DIGNITY AND
21 POWER NOW. NO NEW JAILS. TO BUILD AN UNNEEDED JAIL IS A
22 REFLECTION OF SLAVERY AND HOUSING OF HUMAN BODIES FOR
23 GOVERNMENT KICKBACKS. AS FOR SLAVERY, WE DO KNOW THAT THE
24 POLICE WAS CREATED TO GO OUT AND KIDNAP FREE BLACK SLAVES AND
25 ENSLAVE THEM IN OTHER PARTS OF THE STATES. WE DO NOT NEED THIS

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1 OLD PUNISHMENT OF JAILS. WHAT WE DO NEED IS COMMUNITY HEALING.
2 THANK YOU. COMMUNITY HEALING. WE DON'T NEED NO POLICEMEN. WE
3 CAN GOVERN OURSELVES.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** YES, SIR.

6

7 **SAM LEWIS:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS SAM LEWIS. I'M OF A LIFE
8 COACH FOR THE ANTIRECIDIVISM COALITION. I'M HERE IN SUPPORT
9 TODAY OF SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS AND SUPERVISOR SHEILA
10 KUEHL'S MOTION TO ESTABLISH THE OFFICE OF DIVERSION. THANK
11 YOU, SUPERVISOR THOMAS AND SUPERVISOR KUEHL FOR THIS VITALLY
12 IMPORTANT RESOURCE FOR THE RE-ENTRY POPULATION. I BELIEVE
13 ESTABLISHING THIS OFFICE AND FUNDING DEDICATED TO HOUSING,
14 MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT, SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT AND JOB
15 TRAINING CONNECTED TO THE COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS WILL
16 GREATLY ASSIST IN REDUCING RECIDIVISM, AND ENHANCE PUBLIC
17 SAFETY, AND ENHANCE PUBLIC SAFETY BY REDUCING THAT RECIDIVISM
18 RATE. AS A SERVICE PROVIDER, I PERSONALLY ASSISTED HUNDREDS OF
19 MEN AND WOMEN WHO HAVE TRANSITIONED OUT OF INCARCERATION AND
20 BACK TO BEING TAX PAYING CITIZENS. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT I'VE
21 LEARNED THROUGH THE YEARS IS THAT HOUSING, MENTAL HEALTH
22 TREATMENT, SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT ARE VITALLY IMPORTANT.
23 THESE SERVICES ARE OFTEN THE DIRECT LINK TO EITHER RE-
24 OFFENDING OR REMAINING FREE. IN A DIVERSION PROGRAM THAT'S
25 ROBUST AND THAT'S CONNECTED TO ALL OF THE RE-ENTRY PROGRAMS

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1 THAT ARE ALREADY OUT THERE, WHAT REALLY GREATLY ASSISTS OUR
2 POPULATION OF NOT RE-OFFENDING. THE ANTIRECIDIVISM COALITION
3 WOULD LIKE TO OFFER OUR ASSISTANCE AND PERSONAL EXPERIENCE
4 FROM OVER 200 MEMBERS FROM THEIR PERSONAL EXPERIENCE OF BEING
5 IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM AND HOW THEY'VE TRANSITIONED
6 BACK. WE HAVE AN EXTREMELY LOW RECIDIVISM RATE, LESS THAN 2
7 PERCENT. SO WITH THAT SAID, I HOPE THAT MAYBE WE CAN CONSULT
8 AND HELP AS A STEERING COMMITTEE IS FORMED IN ORDER TO MAKE
9 THIS A SUCCESSFUL PROGRAM BECAUSE IT'S FISCALLY SMART. IT WILL
10 SAVE US MONEY AND IT WILL ENHANCE OUR PUBLIC SAFETY. THANK
11 YOU.

12
13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, SIR. LET ME ALSO CALL UP
14 PEGGY EDWARDS AND TROY VAUGHN.

15
16 **PETER ELIASBERG:** MR. MAYOR, PEGGY EDWARDS HAS YIELDED HER ONE
17 MINUTE TO ME.

18
19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. LET ME ALSO CALL UP ERIC PREVEN.
20 OKAY, TWO MINUTES.

21
22 **PETER ELIASBERG:** MY NAME IS PETER ELIASBURG FROM THE A.C.L.U.
23 OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. A, WE STRONGLY SUPPORT THE ORIGINAL
24 49-C AND THE COMMITMENT EVIDENTLY FROM ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE
25 BOARD TO THE DIVERSION AND THE IMPORTANCE OF THAT, AND WE'RE

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1 GRATEFUL FOR IT. WE'VE BEEN FIGHTING FOR IT FOR A LONG TIME
2 AND WE THANK ALL THE BOARD MEMBERS FOR SUPPORTING THAT PORTION
3 OF THE MOTION. WE'VE ALSO FOR A LONG TIME SAID MEN'S CENTRAL
4 HAS TO BE CLOSED. IT IS AN ABOMINATION. BUT THAT DOES NOT MEAN
5 THAT WE CAN FULLY SUPPORT THE AMENDED 49-C. THERE ARE A COUPLE
6 OF PROBLEMS. A, WE'RE VERY GRATEFUL TO SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR
7 RECOGNIZING THE PROBLEMS WITH THE H.M.A. REPORT, OR AT LEAST
8 RECOGNIZING THAT THERE MAY BE PROBLEMS AND MORE STUDY IS
9 NEEDED. THIS IS AN ENORMOUS CONSTRUCTION PROJECT. IT SHOULD
10 NOT BE RUSHED AHEAD NO MATTER HOW THIS BOARD IS AFRAID OF
11 LOSING MONEY FOR MIRA LOMA. WE CANNOT SUPPORT THAT THERE IS
12 ANY REHABILITATIVE EFFECT TO A JAIL THAT IS 75 MILES FROM
13 DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES, WHICH IS BASICALLY INACCESSIBLE TO
14 PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION. ANY IDEA THAT WOMEN AND FAMILIES CAN
15 STAY CONNECTED TO THEIR COMMUNITY, UNLESS THEY ARE FROM
16 ANTELOPE VALLEY, IN A JAIL THAT IS SO FAR FROM DOWNTOWN L.A.
17 IS UNFORTUNATELY A VERY SAD ONE AND IT CANNOT FLY. AND THE
18 LAST THING I'LL SAY IS MONTH AFTER MONTH I WATCHED THIS BOARD
19 REAL ORAL MOTIONS INTO THE AGENDA. IT DOES NOT REMOTELY
20 COMPORT WITH THE BROWN ACT. THERE IS NO WAY THAT THIS BOARD
21 CAN CLAIM THAT AN AGENDA ITEM ON DIVERSION SUPPORTS THE
22 INTRODUCTION OF A GO-AHEAD-WITH-A-JAIL PLAN. WHATEVER MOTION,
23 WHETHER IT'S MR. ANTONOVICH'S PROPOSED AMENDMENTS, MR. KNABE'S
24 OR MISS SOLIS'S, EVEN THOUGH WE STRONGLY SUPPORT THE GENERAL
25 TENOR OF WHERE MISS SOLIS IS GOING, THESE MOTIONS ARE

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1 INCONSISTENT WITH THE BROWN ACT. IT WILL INVITE A LAWSUIT FOR
2 THIS BOARD. THE BOARD NEEDS TO START USING THE AGENDA AND STOP
3 PLAYING THIS GAME WHERE THEY READ MOTIONS INTO THE AGENDA THE
4 DAY OF THE MEETING AND THINK IT COMPORTS WITH THE BROWN ACT.
5 IT DOES NOT. AND I WOULD INVITE COUNTY COUNSEL TO GIVE AN
6 OPINION ABOUT WHETHER GOING AHEAD WITH THE JAIL CONSTRUCTION
7 IS CONSISTENT WITH THE BROWN ACT BASED ON A MOTION THAT IS
8 ABOUT DIVERSION. THANK YOU.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.] LET ME ALSO
11 CALL UP STEVE DIAZ. YES, MA'AM.

12

13 **DIANA ZUNIGA:** DIANA ZUNIGA WITH CALIFORNIANS UNITED FOR A
14 RESPONSIBLE BUDGET. WE ARE SUPPORTIVE OF THE OFFICE OF
15 DIVERSION AND THE FUNDING ASSOCIATED TO MAKE SURE THAT THIS
16 OFFICE IS ABLE TO ADEQUATELY SERVICE THE POPULATION OF PEOPLE
17 COMING OUT OF INCARCERATION. WE ARE PLEASED THAT YOU GUYS ARE
18 CONTINUING TO PUSH TOWARDS IMPROVING THE SCREENING OF PEOPLE
19 WITH MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES AND UNDERSTANDING COMMUNITY-BASED
20 CAPACITY. HOWEVER, IT'S EXTREMELY DISAPPOINTING, LIKE ALL OF
21 MY COLLEAGUES JUST SAID, THAT WE ARE JUST LEARNING AND HEARING
22 ABOUT THIS MOTION TODAY. IT'S RIDICULOUS, AND WE NEED FULL
23 COMMUNITY TRANSPARENCY. WE DON'T NEED EXPANSION OR A LARGE
24 FOOTPRINT. DO WE REALLY THINK THAT WE NEED THIS MANY BEDS? DO
25 WE REALLY THINK THAT LOS ANGELES ACTUALLY NEEDS THIS? DO WE

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1 WANT TO SET UP DIVERSION FOR FAILURE BY GIVING THE SHERIFF'S
2 DEPARTMENT BEDS TO FILL BECAUSE WE KNOW WHEN THEY HAVE THEM,
3 THEY WILL FILL THEM? IT'S UNFORTUNATE TO HEAR YOU GUYS ARE
4 GRAVITATING TOWARDS MORE JAIL BED CAPACITY INSTEAD OF TRUSTING
5 THE GOOD DECISIONS YOU ARE MAKING TOWARDS DIVERSION AND
6 COMMUNITY ALTERNATIVES. LASTLY, WE SUBMITTED A LETTER ON THE
7 WOMEN'S JAIL AND ARE OPPOSED TO THIS AND WANT AN ALTERNATIVE
8 PLAN. PLEASE CONSIDER THE WOMEN'S AND GIRLS JUSTICE CENTER.
9 THANK YOU.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU.

12

13 **ERIC PREVEN:** THANK YOU, SIR. IT IS ERIC PREVEN A RESIDENT FROM
14 DISTRICT 3. AND I MUST TELL YOU I AM EXCITED ABOUT THE
15 POSSIBILITY OF DIVERSION. I AM VERY NOT EXCITED ABOUT THIS
16 LAST-MINUTE MOTION THAT WAS ADDED TO TAG MIRA LOMA ON TO A
17 DIVERSION PROGRAM. SIR, THAT IS A MISLEAD. AND THE PUBLIC
18 CARES VERY DEEPLY, AS YOU CAN SEE BY WEEK AFTER WEEK PEOPLE
19 COME DOWN ADVOCATING AGAINST THE LARGE CONSTRUCTION PROJECT
20 LIKE THIS. AND TO POKE IT ON LIKE THAT, LIKE A LITTLE "OOP,
21 WE'RE GOING TO FAKE YOU OUT" IS NOT SENDING A SIGNAL THAT YOU
22 ARE FULLY COMMITTED TO THE TRANSPARENCY PIECE. AND WE ARE
23 TRYING DESPERATELY TO MAKE IT CLEAR THAT THERE ARE LOTS OF
24 PIECES OF THE DIVERSION PUZZLE THAT ARE COMING INTO FOCUS NOW.
25 BUT TO INCARCERATE WOMEN, IT'S ONE OF THE WORST IDEAS WE'VE

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1 EVER COME UP WITH. AND TO DO IT IN THE UPPER NORTH PART OF THE
2 VALLEY WHERE THERE IS NO WAY TO GET THERE FOR FAMILY MEMBERS
3 OF THE COMMUNITY, IT'S A BAD AREA. WE DON'T WANT THE \$100
4 MILLION. IT'S THE WRONG KIND OF MONEY. WE WANT TO SAY NO, WE
5 ARE GOING TO HOLD OFF ON THAT AND THEN REINVENT SOMETHING THAT
6 WILL WORK AND TREAT THE FOLKS WHO NEED IT.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP
9 NICHOLAS DAHMANN AND WESTLY WALKER. YES, SIR.

10

11 **TROY VAUGHN:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. I WOULD LIKE TO
12 COMMEND-- MY NAME IS TROY VAUGHN AND I AM THE CHAIR OF THE LOS
13 ANGELES REGIONAL RE-ENTRY PARTNERSHIP AND ALSO THE COMMUNITY
14 REPRESENTATIVE TO THE PUBLIC SECTOR RE-ALIGNMENT TEAM FOR THE
15 COUNTY. AND I SUPPORT SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS'S AND
16 SUPERVISOR KUEHL'S MOTION TO CREATE DIVERSION. I THINK THIS IS
17 EXTREMELY IMPORTANT. IT HAS BEEN SAID THAT WITHOUT A VISION,
18 THE PEOPLE PERISH. BUT I'D LIKE TO SAY WITHOUT THE PEOPLE, THE
19 VISION WOULD NEVER COME TO PASS. AND WHAT WE HAVE HERE IS
20 CLEARLY ARTICULATED VISION AND BLUEPRINT FOR US TO RUN FORWARD
21 AND PUT US INTO MOTION. I SEE IT AS BEING A SOLID FOUNDATION
22 OF BEING IN THE BLOCKS GETTING READY TO START A RACE. BUT WE
23 HAVE TO CONTINUE THE COURSE TO STAY FORWARD. AND WITH THAT
24 SAID, I SUPPORT SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S ADDITION, AMENDMENT TO THE
25 MOTION BY ADDING THE COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES AND CHANGING IT

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1 FROM DIVERSION TO BOTH DIVERSION AND RE-ENTRY. I THINK THIS IS
2 AN IMPORTANT ADDITION TO IT AND I AM STRONGLY ON BOARD TO
3 CONSIDER THAT ADDITION. THANK YOU.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, SIR. LET ME ALSO CALL UP
6 LYNNE LYMAN. YES, SIR.

7

8 **STEVE DIAZ:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD MEMBERS, MY NAME IS STEVE
9 DIAZ, AND I'M WITH THE L.A. COMMUNITY ACTION NETWORK. TRUE
10 DIVERSION COMES FROM REMOVING ANY LAW ENFORCEMENT INTERACTION
11 WITH INDIVIDUALS. THAT IS TRUE DIVERSION. BY YOU SETTING UP
12 AND PROPOSING A NEW JAIL UNDER THE AUSPICES OF DIVERSION, YOU
13 SHOULD ALL BE ASHAMED OF YOURSELVES AND REALLY USE THE MONEY
14 THAT IS BEING PROPOSED TO ACTUAL ALTERNATIVES IN THE
15 NEIGHBORHOODS AND WHAT IS NEEDED, SUCH AS PSYCHIATRIC RESPONSE
16 TEAMS, MORE COMMUNITY-BASED SOLUTIONS, MORE HOUSING, SUCH AS
17 THE PROGRAM, THE HOUSING FOR HEALTH PROGRAM. THESE ARE THE
18 ACTUAL ALTERNATIVES THAT FOLKS IN OUR NEIGHBORHOODS NEED. NOT
19 MORE JAILS. AND DEFINITELY NOT A JAIL FOR WOMEN 75 MILES AWAY
20 FROM THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES. IT IS A SHAME THAT YOU WOULD
21 EVEN CONSIDER THAT AND YOU SHOULD BE ASHAMED OF YOURSELVES AND
22 REALLY INVEST IN COMMUNITY-BASED SOLUTIONS. THANK YOU.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP JASMINE
25 RICHARDS. YES, SIR.

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1

2 **NICHOLAS DAHMANN:** HELLO. MY NAME IS NICHOLAS DAHMANN. I CAN'T
3 BELIEVE WHAT YOU SAY BECAUSE I SEE WHAT YOU DO. PRISONS ARE
4 NOW THE CENTRAL PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF OUR NATION, ITS
5 INHABITANTS, OUR SECRET SHERIFFS. THIS IS A NEW FORM OF
6 COLONIZATION TAKING PLACE WITHIN OUR OWN VERY BORDERS, AND
7 MANY OF YOU HERE IN THIS ROOM CAN REMEMBER WHEN IT DIDN'T
8 EXIST. WE HAVE TO REMEMBER THAT THE PRISON ITSELF WAS A
9 REFORM. IT IS FUNDAMENTALLY UNREFORMABLE BECAUSE IT IS NOT
10 FUNDAMENTALLY SEPARATED FROM STATE POWER AND THE ABILITY TO
11 PUNISH, TO SEPARATE, TO PREMATURELY KILL AND TO SACRIFICE
12 LIVES THAT ARE SIMPLY NOT WORTHY BASED ON RIDICULOUS NOTIONS
13 OF FREE ENTERPRISE, COMMERCE AND WHITENESS. A RIGHT DEFERRED
14 IS A RIGHT DENIED. SUGGESTING THAT SOMEHOW WE ARE GOING TO
15 LEAD THE COUNTRY IN DIVERSION IS UTTER NONSENSE. AS MR. DIAZ
16 JUST SAID: HOUSING IS A MUCH BETTER IDEA THAN SENDING PEOPLE
17 INTO THE PRISON FIRST. THANK YOU.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, SIR. LET ME ALSO CALL UP
20 REBA STEVENS. YES, SIR.

21

22 **WESLEY WALKER:** OKAY. BEFORE YOU GET STARTED, MY NAME IS WESLEY
23 WALKER. LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY ACTION NETWORK. MENTAL ILLNESS
24 HAS GOT TO BE TREATED AS AN ILLNESS: NOT A CRIME. YOU ARE
25 USING THE WORD DIVERSION AS YOU CRIMINALIZE FOLKS BY TALKING

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1 ABOUT BUILDING MORE JAILS. IT IS ABSOLUTELY RIDICULOUS THAT
2 YOU CAN SIT HERE AND DO THIS AND PEOPLE NOT KNOWING WHAT YOU
3 ARE REALLY DOING HERE. YOU ARE SUPPOSED TO BE DIVERTING PEOPLE
4 FROM JAILS BY HAVING COMMUNITY-BASED SOLUTIONS. AND THAT'S THE
5 ONLY WAY THIS IS GOING TO WORK. YOU'RE NOT GOING TO
6 CRIMINALIZE FOLKS AND INCARCERATE FOLKS AND SOLVE THESE
7 PROBLEMS.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, SIR. LET ME ALSO CALL UP
10 KIM MCGILL. YES, MA'AM.

11

12 **LYNNE LYMAN:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS LYNNE LYMAN. I'M THE
13 STATE DIRECTOR FOR THE DRUG POLICY ALLIANCE AND I SERVICE THE
14 POLICY CHAIR FOR THE LOS ANGELES REGIONAL-RE-ENTRY
15 PARTNERSHIP. I AM HERE TODAY, FIRST AND FOREMOST, TO COMMEND
16 SUPERVISOR KUEHL, MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS, AND SOLIS FOR THEIR
17 VISION, COMMITMENT AROUND THIS OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND RE-
18 ENTRY. I'VE BEEN COMING TO THIS BOARD FOR FOUR YEARS ASKING
19 FOR SOME CREATIVE AND INNOVATIVE APPROACHES TO INCARCERATION.
20 SO THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR MOVING FORWARD SUCH A GREAT PROPOSAL
21 AND I WELCOME THE SUPPORT OF THE FOURTH AND FIFTH DISTRICT, AS
22 WELL. I DO WANT TO REMIND THE BOARD AND THE AUDIENCE THAT THIS
23 ISN'T JUST ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH DIVERSION, BUT IT'S ABOUT DRUG
24 TREATMENT DIVERSION, AS WELL. BETWEEN 60 AND 80 PERCENT OF
25 FOLKS IN THE JAILS SUFFER FROM SOME SORT OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE

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1 ISSUE. AND SO PLEASE REMEMBER THAT ALSO FOR THE COMMUNITY
2 REPRESENTATION. AND FOR THE RECORD I DO NOT SUPPORT MIRA LOMA
3 AND DO NOT SUPPORT THE ADDITION OF THE JAIL EXPANSION PLAN
4 THAT CAME TO THIS MOTION TOWARDS THE END. THANK YOU.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET ME ALSO CALL UP RUTH SARNOFF AND
7 ALONDRA ABRANN.

8

9 **JASMINE RICHARDS:** MY NAME IS JASMINE RICHARDS. I'M WITH BLACK
10 LIVES MATTER. I'M GOING TO FIRST ASK YOU MR. ANTONOVICH TO
11 LOOK ME IN MY EYES AS I SPEAK, BECAUSE I NOTICE THAT YOU
12 WEREN'T LOOKING AT ANYBODY ELSE IN THEIR FACE. I'M GOING TO
13 ASK YOU GUYS, I'M NOT GOING TO TRY TO APPEAL TO YOUR MORALS
14 BECAUSE I KNOW THAT THIS IS NOTHING MORE THAN MONEY TO YOU.
15 THE PRISON INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX IS REAL, AND YOU GUYS ARE
16 SHOWING US THAT THIS IS REAL. BUT CAN YOU GUYS PLEASE LISTEN
17 AND SEE THE MESSAGE YOU'RE SENDING TO OUR CHILDREN. THERE ARE
18 MORE CHILDREN OUT HERE WHO ARE HOMELESS AND WHO HAVE NO HOMES
19 AND THEY NEED AN OUT AND YOU GUYS ARE WILLING TO INVEST IN
20 MORE BEDS IN JAILS? YOU'RE TELLING THEM THAT YOU'RE READY TO
21 INCARCERATE AND INCRIMINATE THEM. YOU'RE SLOWLY MAKING THIS--
22 YOU GUYS ARE SLOWLY BUILDING MORE JAILS AND MAKING MORE BEDS
23 BECAUSE YOU GUYS ARE SAYING THERE'S GOING TO BE MORE PEOPLE.
24 SO YOU'RE SAYING THAT EVERYBODY LIKE EVERYONE ELSE IS A
25 CRIMINAL. YOU'RE NOT EVEN GIVING THEM A FIGHTING CHANCE.

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1 LISTEN TO WHAT YOU GUYS ARE DOING. LIKE I'VE NEVER BEEN HERE.
2 THIS IS MY FIRST TIME. AND JUST SEEING THE LOOKS ON YOUR
3 FACES, I COULD SEE THIS IS A WASTE OF TIME. [APPLAUSE.]

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP
6 ANGELICA ABRANN. YES, MA'AM.

7

8 **REBA STEVENS:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS REBA STEVENS AND I AM A
9 RECOVERED ALCOHOLIC. MY SOBRIETY DATE IS JULY 11 OF 1998. MY
10 LAST ARREST IS JULY 10, 1998. AND MY MENTAL HEALTH DATE IS
11 NOVEMBER 2, 1999. AND I'D LIKE TO SHARE WITH YOU FROM A LIVED
12 EXPERIENCE. I KNOW WHAT IT FEELS LIKE TO BE INCARCERATED AND
13 TO NOT REALLY BE ABLE TO HONESTLY SAY THAT THERE'S SOMETHING
14 DEEPER THAT'S WRONG WITH ME. I UNDERSTAND WHY I DRANK
15 ALCOHOLICALLY FOR 21 YEARS OF MY LIFE AND DESTROYED ALL
16 ASPECTS OF MY LIFE. WHEN I THINK ABOUT RE-ENTRY, IT'S THE
17 WORLD ITSELF THAT IT WARM AND IT ALLOWS ME TO FEEL LIKE THERE'S
18 HOPE AND OPPORTUNITY. IT DIDN'T EXIST WHEN I GOT SOBER. IT DID
19 NOT EXIST. AND WHAT I REALLY WANT TO SAY TO ADD A JAIL
20 CONNECTION TO THIS IS REALLY A SLAP IN THE FACE. UNFORTUNATELY
21 I REALLY FEEL FROM WITHIN THAT EITHER WE'RE TALKING ABOUT THE
22 PROBLEM OR WE'RE TALKING ABOUT THE SOLUTION. AND WE CAN'T
23 JUGGLE THEM BOTH. IF YOU'RE GOING TO GIVE ME HOPE, HOPE COMES
24 FROM ACTUALLY HAVING SOMETHING THAT I DON'T NEED TO BE
25 CONCERNED WITH GOING BACK TO JAIL. I GREATLY APPRECIATE THE

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1 OPPORTUNITY FOR RE-ENTRY. THANK YOU. SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:
2 CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR BIRTHDAYS. LET ME ALSO CALL UP
3 EVERRETT CANE AND LET ME ALSO CALL UP DAWN AMBER. YES, MISS
4 AND SARNOFF.

5

6 **RUTH SARNOFF:** MY NAME IS RUTH SARNOFF. I WOULD LIKE TO REMIND
7 YOU THAT THE CRIME RATE IS DOWN AND THAT'S ALL OVER THE
8 COUNTRY. A SHORT SPIKE IS NOT A TREND. WE HAVE NO TRENDS
9 SHOWING THE RISE IN CRIME. ANOTHER THING IS THE LENGTH OF
10 SENTENCES SHOULD BE MUCH LESS. ALL OF THE EUROPEAN COUNTRIES,
11 MOSTLY, GERMANY, ENGLAND, JAPAN, THESE COUNTRIES DO NOT PUT
12 PEOPLE AWAY FOR 40 YEARS, 30 YEARS, LIFE. THEY PUT THEM AWAY
13 LONG ENOUGH TO MAKE A POINT. AND THEN THEY MOVE ON. WE NEED TO
14 PUT MORE BEDS AND PUT MORE PADS ON THE BEDS IN THE JAIL AND WE
15 NEED BETTER FOOD AND WE NEED LESS NOISE. YOU GOT TO DEAL WITH
16 THE CURRENT JAIL CONDITIONS NOW. IF YOU STARTED DOING IT, YOU
17 WOULD GET SOME NOTION.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. MISS SARNOFF. LET ME ALSO
20 CALL UP PATRICIA RUSSELL. YES, MA'AM.

21

22 **ALONDRA FIGUEROA:** HELLO, HI NAME IS ALONDRA FIGUEROA, AND I'M
23 HERE TO SPEAK ABOUT MY SISTER, CARLA FIGUEROA. SHE WAS IN
24 JAIL. SHE DIED IN CUSTODY. I THINK YOU SHOULD NOT BE BUILDING
25 MORE JAILS THAN THE ONES THAT ALREADY EXIST. YOU GUYS CAN'T

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1 EVEN CONTROL THOSE. AND THE TREATMENT SHE GOT WAS VERY
2 INHUMANE. SHE PASSED AWAY ALREADY, BUT I WOULD NOT WANT THIS
3 TO HAPPEN TO ANY OTHER FAMILY, NOT GO THROUGH WHAT WE ARE
4 GOING THROUGH. AND I THINK THAT'S COMPASSIONATE RELEASE SHOULD
5 BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION NOT JUST BE THERE, BUT THAT YOU
6 GUYS CONSIDER IT. WE ALSO WROTE A LETTER TO THE OMBUDSMAN AND
7 THE LETTER WE GOT BACK WAS RIDICULOUS. WHAT THEY WROTE BACK TO
8 US WAS PRACTICALLY SAYING, WE CAN'T HELP YOU. FIGURE IT OUT ON
9 YOUR OWN. I DON'T THINK NOBODY SHOULD HAVE TO GO THROUGH THIS.
10 YOU GUYS NEED TO REALLY CONSIDER ABOUT BUILDING NEW JAILS
11 BECAUSE YOU GUYS CAN'T DEAL WITH THE ONES THAT ALREADY EXIST.
12 THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE] SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: LET ME ALSO CALL
13 UP GILBERT LE BLANC.

14

15 **KIM MCGILL:** KIM MCGILL WITH THE YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION AND
16 ALSO WITH THE NO MORE JAILS COALITION. I WANT TO ASK EVERYBODY
17 IN THE AUDIENCE WHO IS OPPOSED TO ANY JAIL CONSTRUCTION PLEASE
18 STAND, BECAUSE AGAIN, EVERY WEEK THERE IS A MORE OVERWHELMING
19 POPULATION FROM LOS ANGELES THAT'S SAYING, NO MORE JAILS, NO
20 MORE JAILS. AND YET THE SUPERVISORS COME FORWARD CONSISTENTLY
21 WITH THE OPPOSITE. WE WONDER WHY THERE ISN'T A REAL PLAN TO
22 LOOK AT SPLIT SENTENCING. THERE IS NO REAL PLAN TO LOOK AT
23 BAIL REFORM. THERES NO REAL PLAN TO RELEASE PEOPLE ON THEIR
24 OWN RECOGNIZANCE. THERE IS NO REAL PLAN TO LOOK AT THE
25 HOUSING, JAILING OF TERMINALLY ILL PEOPLE AND PEOPLE THAT ARE

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1 SEVERELY DISABLED. THERE'S NO PLAN TO REALLY TAKE EVERYONE OUT
2 OF THE JAILS WHO ARE THERE FOR LOW-LEVEL MISDEMEANORS AND
3 WARRANTS AND FAILURE TO BE ABLE TO MAKE BAIL. YOU HAVE AN
4 INHUMANE JAIL PLAN MOVING FORWARD WITH ANY CONSTRUCTION.
5 SECONDLY, WE HAVE OFFERED SEVERAL SUGGESTIONS FOR COMMUNITY
6 JUSTICE CENTERS TO BE BUILT, ONE ON THE SOUTH SIDE FOR YOUNG
7 PEOPLE UP TO AGE 24 AND ONE AT CENTRAL JUVENILE HALL. TEAR
8 DOWN CENTRAL JUVENILE HALL AND BUILD A WOMEN AND GIRLS'
9 JUSTICE CENTER AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO MIRA LOMA. [APPLAUSE] SUP.
10 ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: THANK YOU.

11

12 **AUDIENCE MEMBERS:** NO MORE JAILS!

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET ME ALSO CALL UP STEVEN ROGERS.
15 YES, SIR.

16

17 **EVERETT CANE:** MY NAME IS EVERRETT CANE ON BEHALF OF GOOD MEN
18 OF COLOR AND ALL THE BLACK MEN WHO HAVE BEEN AFFECTED BY THE
19 JAIL SYSTEM AND THE CRIMINALIZATION OF BLACK MEN THROUGHOUT
20 THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES. I DON'T WANT TO WASTE MY TIME ON
21 RHETORIC, TRYING TO EXPLAIN SOMETHING TO A PERSON WHO JUST
22 WALKED OUT, BUT INSTEAD, I WOULD LIKE TO COMPEL MY PEOPLE
23 THAT'S OUT THERE IN THE AUDIENCE WHO REALLY DON'T WANT MORE
24 JAILS TO STAND UP AND FIGHT. WE CAN'T CONTINUE TO BE PASSIVE
25 AND TO GO OUT AND THINK THAT WE'RE GOING TO ALLOW THEM TO

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1 WASTE OUR TIMES SITTING AT THESE MICS. WE NEED TO STAND
2 TOGETHER. THE POWER IS IN THE HAND OF THE PEOPLE. THE MOMENT
3 WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT, WE COULD TRUST THEM WITH OUR
4 FUNDING AND OUR MONEY IS THE MOMENT THAT WE LOSE. SO I JUST
5 WANT TO COMPEL YOU GUYS TO CONTINUE TO BE A PART OF THE
6 MOVEMENT AND TO PRESS, PRESS ON. [APPLAUSE]

7

8 **SUP. KNABE:** I WOULD ASK STEVEN ROGERS TO JOIN US, PLEASE.

9

10 **DAWN MARTENS:** MY NAME IS DAWN MARTENS AND I'M WITH BLACK LIVES
11 MATTER. I WASN'T GOING TO SPEAK TODAY BECAUSE THESE PROCESSES
12 WITHIN THESE SYSTEMS FEEL LIKE THEY DO NOT WORK. I DO NOT
13 UNDERSTAND HOW WE ARE ASKING THE POLICE AND/OR SHERIFF TO
14 POLICE THEMSELVES. THEY CAN'T POLICE THEMSELVES. LET ME GIVE
15 YOU A PERFECT EXAMPLE. IN THE HALLWAY JUST NOW, THREE OF US
16 WALKED OUT OF THIS ROOM TO GO TO THE RESTROOM. AND WE CAME
17 BACK. AND OFFICER, I JUST HAD HIS NAME. I WANTED TO SAY HIS
18 NAME. THERE'S A SHERIFF WHO BECAME AGGRESSIVE IN TELLING US
19 THAT WE COULDN'T COME BACK IN. HE WAS AGGRESSIVE. HE YELLED.
20 HE PROCEEDED TO WALK INTO OUR FACES. AND HE EVEN WENT TO THE
21 EXTENT TO GRAB SOMEONE'S ARM WHILE HER CHILD WAS IN HER HANDS.
22 THE SHERIFFS ARE KILLING PEOPLE AND HARMING PEOPLE AND
23 ASSAULTING PEOPLE AND ABUSING PEOPLE IN THE SHERIFF SYSTEM,
24 HOW CAN WE EXPECT THEM TO HANDLE OUR MENTALLY ILL? COME ON
25 NOW. [APPLAUSE.]

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1

2 **SUP. KNABE:** I WOULD ASK THAT ARNOLD SACHS JOIN US.

3

4 **PATRICIA RUSSELL:** HELLO. MY NAME IS PATRICIA RUSSELL AND I'M
5 WITH NATIONAL ALLIANCE FOR THE MENTALLY ILL. MY SON HAS CO-
6 OCCURRING DISORDERS. HE'S BEEN IN AND OUT OF JAIL. HASN'T
7 GOTTEN TREATMENT FOR HIS ISSUES OF BIPOLAR DISORDER, OBSESSIVE
8 COMPULSIVE DISORDER, AND POLYSUBSTANCE DEPENDENCE BECAUSE THE
9 SYSTEM IS SO FRAGMENTED. I'M HOPING THAT THE NEW DIVERSION
10 WILL REALLY TAKE THIS INTO CONSIDERATION WHEN THEY SET UP
11 PROGRAMS SO THAT THE PEOPLE THAT ARE GETTING TREATED OFTEN
12 THAT HAVE THESE CO-OCCURRING DISORDERS GET TREATED
13 CONCURRENTLY IN ONE LOCATION AND THAT THE PEOPLE THAT TREAT
14 THEM ARE TRAINED. THEY TALK TO EACH OTHER AND THEY CARE ABOUT
15 HELPING THEM AS A WHOLE PERSON. ALSO, I WOULD SAY THAT
16 DIVERSION? I REALLY HOPE THAT THE JAIL WILL ALSO TAKE CARE OF
17 THE PEOPLE NOW. I MEAN NOT DIVERSION. MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL NEEDS
18 TO GO. BUT WE NEED TO DO SOMETHING TO HELP THE MEN THAT ARE IN
19 JAIL NOW, NOT WAIT 10 YEARS FOR A NEW JAIL. AND ALSO-- I'LL BE
20 DONE.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP THE
23 LAST SPEAK CERTAIN FRANCISCO MARTINES YES, SIR.

24

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1 **GILBERT LEBLANC:** YEAH, GILBERT LEBLANC. I'M HERE REPRESENTING
2 SAN FERNANDO VALLEY MENTAL HEALTH. I DON'T THINK YOU SHOULD
3 BUILD ANY MORE JAILS. I THINK THAT PEOPLE SHOULD GO AND GET
4 HELP AND DON'T SEND THEM OUT INTO THE DESERT SOMEWHERE TO DIE
5 OR GET BEAT TO DEATH BY A SHERIFF OR A POLICE OFFICER, DIE IN
6 THE HANDS OF ANOTHER, YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN? I BEEN WANTING TO
7 COME TO ONE OF THESE THINGS FOR YEARS. I BEEN SEEING SO MANY
8 THINGS. I HAD A NEPHEW THAT DIED IN PRISON. THEY HAVE NO
9 REASON WHY HE DIED. HE WAS IN ANGOLA, LOUISIANA, CHARGED WITH
10 MURDER. NO ONE HAD SEEN HIM DO ANY KIND OF MURDER BUT THEY PUT
11 HIM STRAIGHT IN JAIL. HE WAS A DRUG ADDICT. AND I WAS, TOO,
12 UNTIL I WENT TO SAN FERNANDO VALLEY MENTAL HEALTH AND THEY
13 HELPED ME, YOU KNOW? AND I NEVER BEEN TO JAIL IN MY LIFE. AND
14 I'M AGAINST BUILDING ANY JAILS. BUILD A COLLEGE FOR MENTAL
15 HEALTH. BUILD A SCHOOL FOR MENTAL HEALTH. BUILD A HOSPITAL.
16 DON'T BUILD NO DAMN JAILS. [APPLAUSE.] AND I'M OUT. THANK YOU
17 FOR YOUR TIME.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, SIR. YES, SIR.

20

21 **STEVE ROGERS:** HI, STEVE ROGERS WITH DIGNITY AND POWER NOW. I'M
22 A LITTLE BIT CONFUSED BECAUSE A GROUP INVITED ME TO COME SPEAK
23 ON MENTAL HEALTH DIVERSION SINCE I HAD SOME EXPERIENCE WORKING
24 IN MENTAL HEALTH INSIDE THE JAIL. I DON'T UNDERSTAND. IT SEEMS
25 LIKE THIS IS A JAIL EXPANSION TALK IT'S BECOME? I'M NOT

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1 EXACTLY SURE. IT SEEMS LIKE THERE WERE TWO SEPARATE ISSUES,
2 TWO SEPARATE AGENDA ITEMS SOMEHOW GOT MIXED TOGETHER. I DON'T
3 REALLY KNOW WHAT THEY HAVE IN COMMON OTHER THAN A PAPER CLIP.
4 I WANTED TO SUGGEST THAT BEFORE WE START EXPANDING LIKE SPACE
5 FOR PEOPLE TO BE HOUSED, WE TAKE A LOOK AT WHY THEY'RE THERE
6 OR LIKE WHAT'S CAUSING PEOPLE TO GET SENT TO THEM, WHY WE'RE
7 SO FULL. OTHER THAN THE FACT THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAS
8 SAID THAT YOU CAN'T SEND THESE PEOPLE UPSTATE ANYMORE, THEY
9 HAVE TO BE HOUSED IN LOCAL JAIL. RATHER THAN JUST BUILDING
10 EXTRA JAIL SPACE, FIND OUT IF THESE PEOPLE ARE MISDIAGNOSED OR
11 WHAT BETTER CARE COULD BE GIVEN TO THEM IN LIKE HOSPITALS OR
12 WITH EXPERTS OUTSIDE THE JAIL.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. MR. SACHS?

15

16 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU. ARNOLD SACHS. THERE'S 17,000,
17 18,000 PEOPLE IN THE COUNTY JAIL MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL. HOW MANY
18 BEDS? I MEAN YOU TALK ABOUT THESE NUMBERS. YOU TALK ABOUT BEDS
19 BUT YOU DON'T TALK ABOUT THE INCARCERATED POPULATION. YOU TALK
20 ABOUT DIVERSION PROGRAMS, MENTALLY ILL IN JAIL. BUT MENTALLY
21 ILL DIVERSION PROGRAMS. THERE WAS A CRISIS CENTER. YOU DON'T
22 TALK ABOUT THE NUMBER OF BEDS FOR THE CRISIS CENTERS. YOU HAD
23 AN EARLY RELEASE PROGRAM IN 2007. IT STARTED BY THE PREVIOUS
24 SHERIFF. WHY DIDN'T YOU HAVE A DIVERSION PROGRAM IN PLACE FOR
25 THEM? PEOPLE COME UP HERE AND TALK. IS THERE A PLAN IN

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1 PROGRESS TO BRING SOME NEW PEOPLE, NEW FACES TO SPEAK TO IN
2 ORDER TO GET YOUR PLAN ACROSS? BECAUSE THE TWO NEW MEMBERS
3 WOULD NOT BE HERE UNLESS ONLY FOR THE REASON OF TERM LIMITS.
4 SO YOU'D BE TALKING TO THE SAME PEOPLE. AND IF YOU REALLY WANT
5 TO DISCUSS THE PROBLEM OF MENTAL ILLNESS IN PRISON, FIRST YOU
6 HAVE TO DISCUSS THE MENTAL ILLNESS IN POLITICS. [APPLAUSE.]

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** YES, SIR. YES, SIR.

9

10 **FRANCISCO MARTINES:** HELLO. MY NAME IS FRANCISCO AND I'M PART
11 OF YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION. AND I STRONGLY BELIEVE THAT YOU
12 SHOULDN'T BE BUILDING MORE JAILS. YOU SHOULD BUILD MORE
13 SCHOOLS AND NOT TEACH AND PREPPING OUR YOUNG ONES FOR PRISON.
14 YOU SHOULD BELIEVE ON COLLEGE PREP NOT PRISON PREP. AND I'M
15 NOT SURE WHAT ARE YOU GUYS DOING UP THERE, BECAUSE HAVE YOU
16 SEEN ALL THESE PEOPLE HAVE BELIEVED TO NOT BUILD MORE JAILS.
17 HOW COME YOU ARE NOT LISTENING TO THE PEOPLE OF LOS ANGELES
18 THAT WE DON'T WANT NO MORE JAILS? I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT ARE
19 YOU GUYS DOING UP THERE? IF YOU GUYS ARE NOT DOING IT, MAYBE
20 WE NEED NEW PEOPLE UP THERE TO ACTUALLY DO WHAT WE WANT THEM
21 TO DO. [APPLAUSE.] THEY CALL IT A CORRECTIONAL FACILITY, BUT
22 ONCE THEY PUT US AND WE COME OUT, WE COME OUT WORSE. WE
23 SHOULD HAVE MORE RESOURCES FOR THEM. NOT FOR PEOPLE
24 UNDOCUMENTED, FOR PEOPLE DOCUMENTED, FOR EVERYBODY TO HELP
25 THEM LOOK FOR HOUSING, JOBS AND STOP BUILDING MORE JAILS. MORE

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1 SCHOOLS, MORE HOUSING, MORE PROGRAMS, MORE RESOURCES, MORE
2 COMMUNITY CENTERS FOR THE YOUNG ONES, OLDERS, WHATEVER. STOP
3 BUILDING MORE JAILS. LISTEN TO THE PEOPLE OF LOS ANGELES.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE] WE ARE BACK IN
6 SESSION. I HAD AN AMENDMENT THAT WAS SECONDED AND SUPERVISOR
7 HILDA SOLIS HAD AN AMENDMENT THAT WAS NOT SECONDED. AND
8 SUPERVISOR SHEILA KUEHL HAD AN AMENDMENT TO MY AMENDMENT ON
9 THE NUMBER THAT WAS SECONDED. SO WE'LL TAKE UP SHEILA'S
10 AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT.

11

12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MR. MAYOR, IF I MAY? THE SOLIS MOTION IN
13 TERMS OF THE OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND RE-ENTRY AND THE
14 SUGGESTED COMPOSITION, AND I TAKE THIS AS UNFINISHED BUSINESS,
15 BUT I WANT TO ACCEPT THAT MOTION AS A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT THAT
16 ESSENTIALLY ENHANCES WHAT WE ARE ESSENTIALLY TRYING TO
17 ACCOMPLISH.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** CAN I MAKE ONE FRIENDLY SUGGESTION?

20

21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I'M LISTENING TO YOU.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WE HAVE 87 CITIES THAT REPRESENT 5
24 MILLION PEOPLE. THEY HAVE A CITY ATTORNEY'S ASSOCIATION, THAT
25 A MEMBER OF THAT ASSOCIATION ALSO BE A MEMBER ALONG WITH THE

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1 L.A. CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE. JUST AS WE DO WITH C.C.J.C.C.
2 WHERE WE HAVE THE LOCAL POLICE CHIEFS' REPRESENTATIVE ALONG
3 WITH THE L.A.P.D. AND THE L.A.S.

4

5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** NOTED AND ACCEPTED, MR. MAYOR.

6

7 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** MR. MAYOR, I THINK THE MOTION THAT YOU
8 BROUGHT RELATED TO THE ISSUE OF THE--

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** IT'S AN AMENDMENT TO MARK'S MOTION.

11

12 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** IT'S AN AMENDMENT TO 49-C, BUT THE ISSUE OF
13 THE JAIL IN MIRA LOMA, THAT'S WHAT YOU'RE REFERRING TO? AND I
14 DID NOT WANT TO ACCEPT THE MOTION AS WRITTEN BECAUSE THE
15 NUMBER OF BEDS WAS VERY HIGH AND VERY CLOSE TO WHAT WE HAD
16 BEFORE. AND ESSENTIALLY WHAT WE PUT OFF FOR 45 DAYS TO GET A
17 REPORT BACK ABOUT SIZING AND SUGGESTED AS AN AMENDMENT 3885 IN
18 THAT FACILITY AS IT IS REBUILT FOR SPECIFICALLY THE TREATMENT
19 OF MENTAL HEALTH AND LOWERING TOXICITY, ET CETERA. SO THAT'S
20 MY AMENDMENT TO YOUR-- THE MOTION THAT YOU BROUGHT. I ALSO
21 WANTED TO ASK I GUESS AS WE GO ALONG, THERE WAS SOMETHING ELSE
22 THAT YOU RECOMMENDED AS AN AMENDMENT TO 49-C THAT HAD TO DO
23 WITH COMMUNITY OUTREACH?

24

25 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** YES.

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1

2 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** ON THE PLACEMENT OF FACILITIES. I THINK--
3 I'M NOT SURE WHETHER MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS--

4

5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** HE READ THAT IN.

6

7 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** HE READ THAT IN. ALL RIGHT, GOOD.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SO SUPERVISOR KNABE?

10

11 **SUP. KNABE:** SO IF WE'RE WORKING OFF YOUR MOTION AND YOUR
12 NUMBER, THE QUESTION I HAVE EITHER TO OUR INTERIM C.E.O. WHO
13 ALMOST JUST SMILED IS IF WE-- GOING BACK TO MY FLEXIBILITY
14 ISSUE, AND IF WE DID THAT NUMBER OF 3885 I BELIEVE YOU'RE
15 TALKING ABOUT, IS THAT CORRECT? IS THERE ABILITY IN THAT
16 NUMBER TO GO UP SHOULD WE NEED IT AFTER TWO YEARS OF DIVERSION
17 OR THAT KIND OF A THING? OR WOULD THAT BE A MAX BASED ON THE
18 FOOTPRINT?

19

20 **SACHI HAMAI, INTERIM C.E.O. :** I THINK THAT AT THIS POINT IN
21 TIME THE BOARD IS PUTTING FORTH 3885 AS THE MAX OR THE
22 CEILING.

23

24 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** AS THE MAX. THE ONLY FLEXIBILITY WOULD BE
25 TO LESSEN IT AS THE BUILDING GOES ALONG.

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1

2 **SACHI HAMAI, INTERIM C.E.O. :** CORRECT.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE:** SO DIVERSION DOESN'T WORK AS WE PLANNED AND YOU
5 NEED MORE, THEN YOU'RE SHUTTING OFF THAT OPTION.

6

7 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** -- DIVERSION.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE:** GRANTED. YOU HAVE TO HAVE THE FACILITIES FOR THAT,
10 AS WELL TOO. I'M NOT TRYING TO BE DISRESPECTFUL.

11

12 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THAT'S WHY DIVERSION IS BEFORE US TODAY.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE:** OUR D.A., SHE CLEARLY SAID THIS IS NOT A JAIL
15 REDUCTION PLAN.

16

17 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** SHE SAID THAT DIVERSION WAS NOT A JAIL
18 REDUCTION PLAN. THE QUESTION REMEMBER I ASKED, AND I ALSO
19 ASKED THE H.M.A. REPORTERS, DO YOU MEAN IF WE DO NOTHING? AND
20 THEY SAID YES. NOW, TODAY WE'RE NOT DOING NOTHING. THIS
21 DIVERSION MOTION IS A MAJOR, MAJOR INVESTMENT IN COMMUNITY
22 TREATMENT, COMMUNITY SERVICES, INCLUDING BRICKS AND MORTAR,
23 INCLUDING HOUSING.

24

25 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ANY OTHER QUESTIONS?

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1

2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MR. MAYOR, I THINK WE ARE PREPARED TO MOVE
3 THE MATTER FORWARD AS IT HAS BEEN AMENDED, 49-C, WITH THE
4 ANTONOVICH-KUEHL-SOLIS MOTIONS THAT I HAVE ACCEPTED.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** CALL THE ROLL.

7

8 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. C.E.O.:** IF APPROPRIATE, THE FIRST
9 MOTION THAT WE HAVE--

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** IT IS ONE MOTION.

12

13 **SACHI HAMAI, INTERIM C.E.O. :** SO YOU'RE CALLING SUPERVISOR
14 ANTONOVICH'S MOTION AS AMENDED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL FIRST AND
15 THEN YOU'LL TAKE UP 49-C AS AMENDED BY THE THREE SUPERVISORS.

16

17 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. C.E.O.:** CORRECT. SUPERVISOR
18 ANTONOVICH MOTION.

19

20 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** CAN YOU CLARIFY THAT, PLEASE?

21

22 **SACHI HAMAI, INTERIM C.E.O. :** YOU ARE CALLING SUPERVISOR
23 ANTONOVICH'S MOTION AS AMENDED. HIS WAS AN AMENDMENT TO ITEM
24 NO. 49-C. AND IT WAS AMENDED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL TO REDUCE THE
25 BEDS TO 3885. THAT'S WHAT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER WILL CALL

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1 FIRST. AND THEN SHE'LL GO BACK TO THE MAIN MOTION, WHICH IS
2 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS'S MOTION AS AMENDED BY SUPERVISOR
3 SOLIS, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND SUPERVISOR KUEHL. SO THERE
4 ARE TWO MOTIONS THAT WILL BE TAKEN UP.

5

6 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. C.E.O.:** CORRECT. ON SUPERVISOR
7 ANTONOVICH'S MOTION? ON THE FLOOR.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE:** THE AMENDMENT.

10

11 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. C.E.O.:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

12

13 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** I WANT TO PASS RIGHT NOW. ABSTAIN.

14

15 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. C.E.O.:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AYE.

18

19 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. C.E.O.:** SUPERVISOR SHEILA KUEHL?

20

21 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** AYE.

22

23 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. C.E.O.:** SUPERVISOR KNABE?

24

25 **SUP. KNABE:** NO.

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1

2 AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. C.E.O.: SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

3

4 SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: AYE.

5

6 AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. C.E.O.: MOTION CARRIES. NOW ON
7 ITEM, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AND SUPERVISOR SHEILA KUEHL'S
8 MOTION, 49-C, I WILL CALL THE ROLL.

9

10 SUP. KNABE: AS AMENDED.

11

12 SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS: BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

13

14 AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. C.E.O.: AS AMENDED. SUPERVISOR
15 SOLIS?

16

17 SUP. HILDA SOLIS: AYE.

18

19 AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. C.E.O.: SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

20

21 SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS: AYE.

22

23 AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. C.E.O.: SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

24

25 SUP. SHEILA KUEHL: AYE.

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1

2 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. C.E.O.:** SUPERVISOR KNABE?

3

4 **SUP. KNABE:** NO.

5

6 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. C.E.O.:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AYE.

9

10 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. C.E.O.:** MOTION CARRIES.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION CARRIED, SO ORDERED. NEXT ITEM

13 WILL BE ON THE HEALTH. WE HAVE DR. KATZ.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SO THE VOTE ON 49-C WAS, SUPERVISOR

16 KNABE. THE VOTE ON 49-C. 4 AYE AND ONE ABSTENTION IS WHAT

17 YOU'RE SAYING?

18

19 **SUP. KNABE:** 49-C WAS-- I DIDN'T ABSTAIN. I VOTED NO. I THINK

20 THERE WERE 4 VOTES YES. THE ONLY POINT I MADE WAS, I'M ON

21 RECORD, AS WELL, THAT WAS NEVER ACTED ON FOR A CONTINUANCE FOR

22 49-C.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. WE ARE DOING A PRESENTATION NOW

25 ON THE HEALTH AGENCY.

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1

2 **CHRISTINA GHALY:** GOOD AFTERNOON. I'M CHRISTINA GHALY. I'M THE
3 DIRECTOR OF HEALTH INTEGRATION FOR THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE. I'LL
4 GIVE A BRIEF PRESENTATION ON THE PROCESS AND CONTENT OF THE
5 REPORT THAT WAS REQUESTED BY THE BOARD IN THE JANUARY 13TH
6 BOARD MEETING. JUST TO REMIND THE AUDIENCE, THE BOARD OF
7 SUPERVISORS APPROVED IN CONCEPT THE CREATION OF A HEALTH
8 AGENCY AND REQUESTED INITIALLY A 60-DAY REPORT BACK ON THE
9 INFORMATION THAT IS LISTED IN THE SLIDE THAT WAS SUBSEQUENTLY
10 EXTENDED TO A JUNE 30TH REPORT BACK. THE DRAFT REPORT WAS
11 DEVELOPED BETWEEN JANUARY 13TH AND MARCH 30TH. ALSO DURING
12 THAT TIME, THE HEALTH INTEGRATION WEBSITE WAS PUT TOGETHER TO
13 PROVIDE ESSENTIAL POINT FOR PEOPLE TO OBTAIN INFORMATION ON
14 THE PROPOSED HEALTH AGENCY AND TO BE ABLE TO SEE STAKEHOLDER
15 COMMENTS AND LETTERS THAT WERE SUBMITTED TO THE C.E.O.'S
16 OFFICE. WE CONDUCTED OVER 35 STAKEHOLDER MEETINGS DURING THOSE
17 APPROXIMATE SIX TO SEVEN WEEKS, A NUMBER OF LABOR-SPONSORED
18 TOWN HALLS WERE ALSO CONDUCTED AS WELL AS INTERDEPARTMENTAL
19 WORK GROUPS. THE DRAFT REPORT WAS RELEASED TO THE PUBLIC THEN
20 ON MARCH 30TH. AND THEN FROM APRIL 1ST TO MAY 29TH, WE
21 COMMENCED A 60-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ACCEPTING BOTH ORAL
22 AND WRITTEN COMMENTS. AN EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF THE REPORT WAS
23 RELEASED IN MULTIPLE LANGUAGES BASED UPON THE LANGUAGES THAT
24 WERE REQUESTED BY THE PUBLIC. FIVE PUBLIC COMMUNITY MEETINGS
25 WERE HELD FACILITATED BY AN EXTERNAL FACILITATOR, COMMUNITY

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1 PARTNERS, WITH TRANSLATION AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST. VIDEO OF
2 THE PRESENTATION AND THE SLIDES WERE AVAILABLE ON THE WEBSITE.
3 WE ALSO CONDUCTED, BASED ON REQUESTS, OVER 35 ADDITIONAL
4 STAKEHOLDER MEETINGS WITH VARIOUS DIFFERENT GROUPS AND
5 STAKEHOLDER INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL STAKEHOLDER CONSTITUENTS A
6 CROSS THE COUNTY. WE'RE ALSO FURTHER LABOR TOWN HALLS DURING
7 THAT PERIOD. THE FORMAL PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ENDED ON MAY
8 29TH. ANY WRITTEN COMMENTS THAT WERE SUBMITTED AFTER MAY 29TH
9 WERE INCLUDED ALSO ON THE WEBSITE BUT WERE NOT INCLUDED AS THE
10 APPENDIX TO THE FINAL DRAFT AND THOSE LETTERS ARE STILL
11 AVAILABLE ON THE WEBSITE. BETWEEN JUNE 1ST AND JUNE 30TH,
12 COMMUNITY PARTNERS DEVELOPED THEIR SUMMARY OF THE PUBLIC
13 CONVENINGS AND WE CONDUCTED ADDITIONAL STAKEHOLDER MEETINGS
14 UPON REQUEST. IN TOTAL, WE'VE HAD OVER 70 MEETINGS WITH OVER
15 80 DIFFERENT EXTERNAL GROUPS, OBTAINING INPUT FROM A VARIETY
16 OF DIFFERENT STAKEHOLDERS REPRESENTING DIFFERENT GROUPS AND
17 COALITIONS TO OBTAIN INPUT ON THE DRAFT REPORT. THE
18 ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE THAT WAS INITIALLY PROPOSED BY THE
19 BOARD IN THE JANUARY 13TH BOARD MEETING WAS A HEALTH AGENCY IN
20 WHICH THE THREE DEPARTMENTS THAT ARE HEALTH RELATED
21 DEPARTMENTS, D.P.H., D.H.S. AND D.M.H. WOULD REPORT TO A
22 HEALTH AGENCY. THAT HEALTH AGENCY IS RESPONSIBLE FOR LEADING
23 AND IMPLEMENTING INTEGRATION ACTIVITIES ACROSS THE THREE
24 DEPARTMENTS IN RESPONSE TO BOARD-ESTABLISHED POLICY. THE BOARD
25 HAS THE AUTHORITY TO SET THE POLICY FOR THE COUNTY FOR HEALTH-

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1 RELATED ITEMS AND THE AGENCY'S RESPONSIBILITY IS TO THEN
2 IMPLEMENT THAT. THE AGENCY STRUCTURE IS NOT A MERGED MODEL. IT
3 MAINTAINS FULLY INDEPENDENT DEPARTMENTS, D.H.S., D.M.H. AND
4 D.P.H. WITH SEPARATE DEPARTMENT HEADS, SEPARATE MISSIONS AND
5 SCOPES, THOUGH THERE IS SUBSTANTIAL COMPLEMENTARITY AND
6 OVERLAP IN THOSE MISSIONS AND SCOPE. THE DEPARTMENT SHOULD
7 HAVE DIRECT COMMUNICATION WITH THE BOARD. AND THEY HAVE
8 SEPARATE BUDGETS THAT ARE UNABLE TO BE CHANGED WITHOUT BOARD
9 OF SUPERVISORS APPROVAL. ADDITIONAL MODELS WERE SUGGESTED BY A
10 NUMBER OF DIFFERENT EXTERNAL STAKEHOLDERS. A BRIEF SUMMARY OF
11 THEM IS LISTED HERE. FIRST A NUMBER OF DIFFERENT INDIVIDUALS
12 AND GROUPS PROPOSED A SEPARATE ENTITY BE CREATED SIMILAR TO
13 THE OFFICE OF CHILD PROTECTION-LIKE MODEL WHICH BY SOME HAVE
14 BEEN TERMED THE OFFICE OF HEALTHCARE ENHANCEMENT. THIS WOULD
15 EXIST OUTSIDE OF THE DEPARTMENTS AND WOULD SUPPORT
16 COORDINATION AND INTEGRATION ACTIVITIES. SOME INDIVIDUALS
17 SUGGESTED THAT THERE BE A CHANGE IN THE SCOPE OR ALIGNMENT OF
18 DEPARTMENT UNITS. SOME SUGGESTED A MORE NARROW FOCUS OF THE
19 AGENCY TO ONLY FOCUS ON CLINICAL SERVICE DELIVERY. SOME
20 ACTUALLY SUGGESTED MORE EXPANDED AGENCY THAT WOULD ALSO
21 INCLUDE SOCIAL SERVICES. AND, FINALLY, SOME SUGGESTED A HEALTH
22 AUTHORITY. THE HOUSE INTEGRATION OPPORTUNITY AN AGENCY COULD
23 SEEK TO ACCOMPLISH ARE LISTED HERE. WE WILL NOT GO THROUGH
24 THEM IN DETAIL, BUT JUST TO BRIEFLY RUN THROUGH THEM. OUR
25 EFFORTS TO REDUCE HEALTH DISPARITIES AMONG DISADVANTAGED

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1 SOCIOECONOMIC, ETHNIC AND SOCIAL POPULATIONS WITH ATTENTION TO
2 BOTH SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH AS WELL AS DIRECT CARE
3 DELIVERY, BETTER SERVICES FOR VULNERABLE POPULATIONS. THE
4 GROUPS LISTED IN THE REPORT INCLUDE CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE,
5 AND TRANSITIONAL-AGE YOUTH. THOSE JUSTICE-INVOLVED POPULATIONS
6 INCLUDING THOSE POTENTIALLY ELIGIBLE FOR DIVERSION AS WELL AS
7 RE-ENTRY, THOSE RE-ENTERING THE COMMUNITY POST-INCARCERATION.
8 HOMELESS POPULATIONS AND PSYCHIATRIC EMERGENCY SERVICE ISSUES
9 IN BOTH THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE HOSPITAL SETTINGS. NEXT IS
10 GREATER INTEGRATION OF POPULATION HEALTH AND CLINICAL SERVICE
11 DELIVERY WITH GREATER CROSS LINKAGE BETWEEN THOSE TWO VERY
12 CRITICAL ELEMENTS OF HEALTH. FOURTH IS AN INTEGRATIVE SERVICES
13 FOR THOSE WHO CURRENTLY NEED CARE THAT CROSSES DEPARTMENTS,
14 FOR EXAMPLE, THOSE WHO NEED SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES, MENTAL
15 HEALTH SERVICES OR HEALTH SERVICES AND STREAMLINED ACCESS TO
16 THOSE SERVICES SO THERE'S A NO WRONG DOOR APPROACH TO
17 OBTAINING SERVICES. ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES INCLUDE BETTER
18 USE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, WORKFORCE EDUCATION, STRONGER
19 INFLUENCE ON POLICY ISSUES, MORE STRATEGIC USE OF FACILITIES,
20 MORE EFFICIENT ANCILLARY ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND POTENTIAL
21 FOR ADDITIONAL MEDI-CAL BILLING REVENUE. STAKEHOLDERS HAVE
22 RAISED A NUMBER OF DIFFERENT POTENTIAL RISKS OF THE HEALTH
23 AGENCY MODEL BASED ON WHAT THE CONCERN WOULD BE ABOUT HOW THE
24 MODEL IS STRUCTURED AS WELL AS HOW IT'S IMPLEMENTED IN
25 PRACTICE. FIRST IS A GENERAL CONCERN ABOUT DEPRIORITIZATION OF

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1 PARTICULARLY MENTAL HEALTH AND PUBLIC HEALTH ISSUES. AND ALONG
2 WITH THAT, A CONCERN THAT THERE BE A LOSS OF VOICE WITH THE
3 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND A LOSS OF DIRECT COMMUNICATION
4 BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENTS AND THE BOARD, CONCERN THAT THERE
5 WOULD BE ADDITIONAL LEVELS OF BUREAUCRACY, FEAR THAT THE
6 AGENCY WOULD BE STRUCTURED IN A HIERARCHICAL POSTURE, CONCERN
7 THAT THE AGENCY WOULD BE TOP-HEAVY AND ADMINISTRATIVELY
8 EXPENSIVE WITH FUNDS BEING TAKEN FROM THE DEPARTMENTS TO PAY
9 FOR ADMINISTRATION, CONCERNS THAT DEPARTMENTS WOULD LOSE FOCUS
10 ON THE FULL SCOPE OF THEIR MISSION. THEY EACH HAVE VERY
11 DISTINCT AND IMPORTANT AND CRITICAL MISSIONS THAT DO OVERLAP
12 AND ARE COMPLEMENTARY BUT CONCERNS THAT THERE WOULD BE AN
13 INABILITY TO FOCUS ON THE FULL SCOPE OF THOSE THREE
14 DEPARTMENTS' MISSIONS. CONCERNS ABOUT CULTURAL FRICTION, ABOUT
15 THE MEDICALIZATION OF MENTAL HEALTH AND THE LACK OF BALANCE
16 BETWEEN A MEDICAL MODEL AND A RECOVERY MODEL. CONCERNS ABOUT
17 DISRUPTION OF EXISTING SERVICE MODELS PARTICULARLY AMONG
18 CONTRACTED AND NONPROFIT PARTNERS OUTSIDE OF THE COUNTY,
19 DIRECTLY OPERATED COUNTY FAMILY, AND CONCERN ABOUT DISTRACTION
20 FROM THE ONGOING WORK HAPPENING. THE AGENCY, AS INITIALLY
21 CONSIDERED BY THE BOARD, CAN BE STRUCTURED IN A WAY TO
22 MITIGATE THOSE RISKS. FIRST AS I MENTIONED, IT IS DIFFERENT
23 THAN A MERGED MODEL. IT DOES NOT REPEAT THE HISTORY FROM THE
24 1970S OR THE 1990S WITH THE FORMER ARRANGEMENT OF THE THREE
25 DEPARTMENTS IN A MERGED MODEL. IT MAINTAINS THREE SEPARATE

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1 DEPARTMENTS WITH THREE SEPARATE BUDGETS THAT CAN ONLY BE
2 CHANGED BY THE BOARD. THE AGENCY STRUCTURE SHOULD BE LEAN AND
3 SIMPLE TO HELP REDUCE ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS. AND ANY MOVES FOR
4 ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTIONS SHOULD FOCUS ON WHERE THERE IS CLEAR
5 BENEFIT AND GAIN OF DOING SO. INITIATIVES SHOULD BE SERVICE-
6 ORIENTED RATHER THAN ADMINISTRATIVE-ORIENTED. THE AGENCIES
7 SHOULD FOCUS ON REDUCING DUPLICATION AND BUREAUCRACY. AND ANY
8 SAVINGS FROM ACHIEVING THE ECONOMIES OF SCALE SHOULD BE RE-
9 INVESTED INTO SERVICES WITHIN THE THREE DEPARTMENTS. FINALLY A
10 NUMBER OF DIFFERENT IMPLEMENTATION STEPS IF THE BOARD PROCEEDS
11 WITH THE AGENCY MODEL COULD HELP TO REDUCE RISKS AND TAKE
12 ADVANTAGE OF THE OPPORTUNITIES. FIRST, THAT WOULD BE TO
13 APPOINT AN AGENCY LEAD WITH A SCALE AND TEMPERAMENT NEEDED TO
14 HELP NAVIGATE THE COMPLICATED AREAS IN TERMS OF HEALTH
15 INTEGRATION. TO HELP SET AN INITIAL SET OF AGENCY PRIORITIES
16 AND CLEARLY COMMUNICATE THOSE WITH THE PUBLIC IN AN ONGOING
17 MANNER. CRITICALLY TO ESTABLISH AN ONGOING AND VERY MEANINGFUL
18 PARTNERSHIP THAT CONTINUES OVER TIME WITH BOTH INTERNAL AND
19 EXTERNAL STAKEHOLDERS, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT ORGANIZED LABOR,
20 NONPROFITS, EXTERNAL CONTRACTORS, CONSUMERS AND THEIR
21 FAMILIES, MAKING SURE THAT EVERYONE'S VOICE IS CONTINUOUSLY
22 HEARD THROUGHOUT THE PROCESS. THE DESIRE TO MAKE SURE THAT WE
23 PROMOTE CULTURAL COMPETENCY IN ALL HEALTH-RELATED ACTIVITIES
24 AND EXPAND THE CULTURAL PROFICIENCY OF ALL THREE DEPARTMENTS.
25 MAKE SURE THAT THERE IS ACCOUNTABILITY AND OVERSIGHT OF THE

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1 AGENCY AS CAN BE PROVIDED, FOR EXAMPLE, THROUGH THE COMMISSION
2 TO REGULARLY REPORT ON AGENCY PROGRESS IN A TRANSPARENT MANNER
3 INCLUDING DATA ON DEPARTMENT BUDGETS AND APPROPRIATIONS. TO
4 CLEARLY COMMUNICATE AND BE TRANSPARENT WITH ALL CHANGES OVER
5 TIME WITH THE PUBLIC. AND TO TAKE OPPORTUNITIES TO BUILD
6 RELATIONSHIPS AMONG COUNTY STAFF. WITH THAT I WILL STOP. AND
7 IF THERE'S QUESTIONS, I'D BE HAPPY TO ANSWER THEM. THE THREE
8 DEPARTMENT HEADS FROM D.P.H., D.M.H. ARE ALSO HERE AND ARE
9 AVAILABLE TO ANSWER QUESTIONS, AS WELL. THANK YOU.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET ME, WE HAVE A NUMBER OF SPEAKERS
12 THAT ARE GOING TO SPEAK ON THAT. LET ME READ THE MOTION. WE
13 WANT TO FIRST THANK OUR INTERIM C.E.O. AND DR. GHALY FOR HER
14 PRESENTATION ON THE COMPREHENSIVE REPORT PREPARED ON THIS
15 ISSUE. ALSO TO THANK THE STAKEHOLDERS WHO HAVE PROVIDED INPUT
16 TO MY OFFICE AND OTHER BOARD OFFICES BOTH IN SUPPORT AND IN
17 OPPOSITION TO THE AGENCY MODEL. BASED ON THE INFORMATION
18 PROVIDED OVER THE PAST SEVERAL MONTHS, I WOULD LIKE TO
19 INTRODUCE THE FOLLOWING MOTION: THAT THE BOARD MOVE THAT
20 APPROVING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A HEALTH AGENCY TO INTEGRATE
21 THE OPERATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENTS OF HEALTH SERVICES, MENTAL
22 HEALTH AND PUBLIC HEALTH, DIRECTING THE INTERIM CHIEF
23 EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO ENSURE THAT SEPARATE BUDGETS ARE
24 MAINTAINED FOR EACH DEPARTMENT, THAT COUNTY COUNSEL DRAFTING A
25 COUNTY ORDINANCE WITHIN 30 DAYS TO CREATE A HEALTH AGENCY AND

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1 WORK WITH THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE AND DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN
2 RESOURCES TO ESTABLISH AN ORDINANCE POSITION, HEALTH AGENCY
3 DIRECTOR, DIRECT THE DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES AND THE
4 C.E.O. CLASSIFICATION COMPENSATION TO DEVELOP AND SUBMIT TO
5 THE BOARD A JOB DESCRIPTION ASSOCIATED WITH THE POSITION FOR
6 HEALTH AGENCY DIRECTOR WITHIN 30 DAYS, INITIATE THE
7 RECRUITMENT FOR THE AGENCY DIRECTOR, INSTRUCTING THE C.E.O. TO
8 CREATE A TEMPORARY STEERING COMMITTEE MADE UP OF THE DIRECTORS
9 OF HEALTH SERVICES, MENTAL HEALTH, PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC
10 HEALTH OFFICER TO DEVELOP WITHIN 45 DAYS TAKING INTO ACCOUNT
11 INPUT FROM COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS A STRATEGIC PLAN,
12 OPERATIONAL FRAMEWORK FOR INTEGRATING THE THREE DEPARTMENTS
13 WITH PRIORITIES, SPECIFIC OUTCOME MEASURES, PRELIMINARY
14 ASSOCIATED WORK PLAN TO INCLUDE BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO THE
15 FOLLOWING: STREAMLINING ACCESS FOR THOSE WHO NEED SERVICES
16 FROM MORE THAN ONE DEPARTMENT AND ITS COMMUNITY PARTNERS,
17 INCLUDING BUY PROMOTING INFORMATION SHARING, REGISTRATION AND
18 REFERRAL PROCESSES AND TRAINING STAFF CROSS-DISCIPLINE,
19 INCREASING CO-LOCATION OF SERVICES, REDUCING HOMELESSNESS
20 AMONG INDIVIDUALS WITH HEALTH-RELATED NEEDS, REDUCING
21 OVERCROWDING OF PUBLIC PSYCHIATRIC EMERGENCY SERVICES AND
22 PRIVATE EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS BY INDIVIDUALS ON INVOLUNTARY
23 PSYCHIATRIC BED HOLDS, DIRECT THE INTERIM C.E.O. TO CONVENE A
24 TEMPORARY INTEGRATION ADVISORY BOARD MADE UP OF TWO
25 REPRESENTATIVES FROM EACH OF THE FOLLOWING COMMISSIONS, THE

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1 MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION, THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSION,
2 HOSPITAL AND HEALTHCARE DELIVERY COMMISSION, COMMISSION ON
3 ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS AND THE COMMISSION ON H.I.V., ONE OR
4 TWO CONSUMERS FROM EACH COMMISSIONS DISCIPLINE, ONE OR TWO
5 FROM DEPARTMENTS OF ORGANIZED LABOR ORGANIZATIONS, THE
6 COMMISSION AND CONSUMER REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD BE SELECTED BY
7 PUBLIC VOTE OF EACH COMMISSION. LABOR REPRESENTATION WILL BE
8 DETERMINED BY LABOR LEADERSHIP. TWO CO-CHAIRS OF THE I.A.B.
9 SHALL BE SELECTED BY A VOTE AT THE FIRST PUBLIC MEETING OF THE
10 ADVISORY BOARD. THE I.A.B. WILL SERVE AS AN ADVISORY BOARD TO
11 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REPORTING IN WRITING TO THE BOARD ON
12 AT LEAST A SEMIANNUAL BASIS FOR TWO YEARS ON THE IMPACT,
13 POSITIVE OR NEGATIVE, OF THE HEALTH AGENCY ON ONGOING
14 DEPARTMENTAL ACTIVITIES AND OPERATIONS AND ON ACHIEVING THE
15 COUNTY'S HEALTH-RELATED PRIORITIES, THE COMMISSION AND
16 CONSUMER REPRESENTATIVES FROM EACH DISCIPLINE SHALL INCLUDE
17 COMMENTS AS IT RELATES TO THEIR PARTICULAR AREAS OF FOCUS,
18 ESTABLISHING A QUARTERLY SET ITEM ON THE BOARD AGENDA IN WHICH
19 THE AGENCY DIRECTOR AND THE DEPARTMENT HEADS PUBLICLY REPORT
20 TO THE BOARD ON THE FOLLOWING: PROGRESS IN ACHIEVING AGENCY
21 GOALS AND SPECIFIC INDICATORS AND OUTCOME MEASURES, FINANCIAL
22 STATUS OF EACH DEPARTMENT, INCLUDING ANY NOTABLE CHANGES IN
23 FUNDING STREAMS, SOURCES AND USE OF FUNDS BY PROGRAM AND
24 PROVIDER TYPE AND NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS SERVED, STAKEHOLDER
25 ENGAGEMENT PROCESSES. AND THAT BASED ON THE INFORMATION

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1 PROVIDED, COPIES ARE AVAILABLE AT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE AT THE
2 RAIL ON THIS MOTION. SO COPIES OF THAT MOTION ARE AVAILABLE AT
3 THE RAIL FOR THOSE THAT WOULD LIKE A COPY OF THAT. SECONDED BY
4 SUPERVISOR SOLIS. AND WE HAVE A NUMBER OF SPEAKERS. WE HAVE
5 TWO GROUPS FROM THOSE IN FAVOR AND THOSE OPPOSED. WE'RE GIVING
6 THEM EACH TWO MINUTES EACH. FIRST I'M CALLING UP TEDDY
7 MCKENNA, LIAN CHIEN, ALISHA SMITH AND RON ZODKOVITCH

8

9 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** MR. MAYOR?

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11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR?

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13 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** I WANTED TO KNOW IF I COULD CALL UP BEFORE
14 WE HEAR FROM THE PUBLIC, FROM DR. KATZ?

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** YEAH, YOU CAN CALL IT.

17

18 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** A QUESTION THAT I HAVE?

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** YES.

21

22 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** I CAN DO THAT? THANK YOU, DR. KATZ AND ALSO
23 DR. GHALY FOR HER PRESENTATION. I KNOW THERE'S BEEN A LOT OF
24 WORK OVER THE PAST FEW MONTHS ON THIS ITEM. AND WE'VE HAD
25 NUMEROUS DISCUSSIONS, BOTH YOU AND I AND STAFF. AND I AM

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1 PLEASED TO SEE THAT THERE WAS AN EFFORT MADE TO REACH OUT TO
2 THE STAKEHOLDERS. I THINK THAT WAS VERY IMPORTANT, VERY
3 CRITICAL FOR SOMEONE LIKE MYSELF WHO'S COMING INTO THIS
4 POSITION WANTING TO MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE VERY CLEAR,
5 TRANSPARENT ABOUT WHERE WE'RE GOING. AND WHILE I SUPPORT MANY
6 OF THE THINGS THAT HAVE ALREADY TAKEN UP AT THE COUNTY, COUNTY
7 OFFICES WITH RESPECT TO BREAKING DOWN SILOS AS WE'VE SEEN
8 DEMONSTRATED IN OTHER AGENCIES, I THINK THIS IS AN EFFORT FOR
9 US TO CONTINUE IN THAT MOVEMENT. I STRONGLY BELIEVE THAT. BUT
10 I WOULD LIKE TO ASK YOU SOME QUESTIONS, DR. KATZ. AND I WOULD
11 LIKE TO ASK YOU, FIRST OF ALL FOR THE THREE DEPARTMENTS THAT
12 ARE BEING INTEGRATED STILL BE ABLE TO DIRECTLY COMMUNICATE
13 WITH THIS BOARD AS YOU SEE THIS MODEL.

14

15 **DR. MITCHELL KATZ:** GOOD AFTERNOON. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR
16 SOLIS. DR. MITCH KATZ, DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
17 SERVICES. UNDER THIS MODEL, THE DEPARTMENT HEADS WOULD BE
18 ENCOURAGED TO CONTINUE TO SPEAK DIRECTLY TO THE BOARD. I THINK
19 GOVERNMENT WORKS BEST WHEN THE POLICY GOVERNING BOARD SPEAKS,
20 FRANKLY, AND OFTEN TO PEOPLE THROUGHOUT THE ORGANIZATION.

21

22 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** SO WHEN YOU SAY ENCOURAGED, YOU MEAN THAT
23 THEY WON'T BE BLOCKED?

24

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1 **DR. MITCHELL KATZ:** ABSOLUTELY. NO BLOCKING. IN FACT, JUST THE
2 OPPOSITE, ENCOURAGEMENT.

3

4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** AND THEN I'D ALSO LIKE TO ASK WOULD THERE BE
5 ANY DECISIONS THAT THE AGENCY DIRECTOR WOULD BE ABLE TO MAKE
6 WITHOUT BOARD APPROVAL?

7

8 **DR. MITCHELL KATZ:** NO, SUPERVISOR. THE WAY THAT I SEE THE
9 AGENCY DIRECTOR IS THE AGENCY DIRECTOR IS AN IMPLEMENTER. THIS
10 BODY DECIDES THE POLICY. THIS BODY DECIDES WHAT ARE GOING TO
11 BE THE INITIATIVES. THE JOB OF THE AGENCY DIRECTOR IS TO HELP
12 ALIGN RESOURCES TO MAKE THE BOARD'S GOAL HAPPEN.

13

14 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** HOW WOULD THE AGENCY DIRECTOR ENSURE THAT
15 INTEGRATION IS HAPPENING BETWEEN THE GROUND LEVEL BETWEEN THE
16 STAFF AT THE THREE DEPARTMENTS AND NOT JUST AT THE TOP?

17

18 **DR. MITCHELL KATZ:** SUPERVISOR, AN EXCELLENT QUESTION. I THINK
19 MANY PEOPLE ON BOTH SIDES RECOGNIZE INTEGRATION IS NOT AN EASY
20 THING TO OCCUR. YOU CAN HAVE DIFFERENT CLINICIANS EVEN IN THE
21 SAME SPOT AND STILL NOT WORKING TOGETHER. BUT I THINK THAT BY
22 BRINGING US TOGETHER AND REALLY RESPECTING THE DIFFERENT
23 DISCIPLINES, RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF THE SOCIAL WORK
24 DISCIPLINE, THE PSYCHOLOGIST DISCIPLINE, THE NURSE DISCIPLINE,
25 THE PHYSICIAN, THE PHARMACIST AND BEING POSITIVE TO EACH

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1 OTHER, WHICH IS NOT SOMETHING THAT'S ALWAYS HAPPENED IN THE
2 MEDICAL PROFESSION, BUT THE BEST PATIENT OUTCOMES OCCUR WHEN
3 EVERY DISCIPLINE IS RESPECTED. AND THAT WHEN THE PEOPLE WHO
4 ARE ON SKID ROW, WHEN THEY NEED TO BE HOUSED AND CARED FOR,
5 IT'S NOT A DOCTOR ALONE WHO'S GOING TO SOLVE IT. IT'S NOT A
6 PSYCHOLOGIST ALONE. IT'S ONLY GOING TO BE SOLVED BY THE
7 DIFFERENT DISCIPLINES WORKING TOGETHER RESPECTING EACH OTHER.

8

9 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** IN THE EVENT THAT, GOD FORBID THERE WOULD BE
10 A DEFICIT HERE, THE COUNTY, HOW WOULD YOU HANDLE FUNDING THAT
11 CAN'T BE REALLOCATED TO OTHER PURPOSES? FOR EXAMPLE, MENTAL
12 HEALTH FUNDING.

13

14 **DR. MITCHELL KATZ:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. I THINK IT'S VERY
15 CLEAR IN THE AGENCY MODEL THAT THE ONLY GROUP THAT CAN
16 REALLOCATE FUNDING IS THIS BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. AND EVEN
17 WITHIN THAT, SOME SOURCES SUCH AS THE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE
18 ACT MONEY HAS ITS OWN SPECIAL PROCESS THAT THIS BOARD HAS
19 ALWAYS RESPECTED, AS WELL. BUT IT IS NOT THE JOB OF THE
20 DIRECTOR TO REALLOCATE FUNDS.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE:** YOU DON'T NEED TO GET CHOKED UP, DR. KATZ.
23 [LAUGHTER.]

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1 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** YOU KNOW, DR. KATZ, IT OCCURS TO ME THAT
2 THERE'S A LOT OF PEOPLE THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY THAT MAY NOT BE
3 FULLY AWARE OF YOUR OWN BACKGROUND AND WHAT YOU'VE ACHIEVED IN
4 THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IN YOUR DIFFERENT ROLES. AND I'D LIKE
5 YOU, IF YOU COULD, PLEASE, JUST ELABORATE A BIT ABOUT THAT.

6

7 **DR. MITCHELL KATZ:** I APPRECIATE THAT, SUPERVISOR. PEOPLE THINK
8 OF ME AS A HEALTH SERVICE PERSON BECAUSE THAT'S BEEN MY JOB
9 THE 4-1/2 YEARS THAT I'VE BEEN HERE, BUT I SPENT 13 YEARS IN
10 SAN FRANCISCO RUNNING AN INTEGRATED DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
11 HEALTH. WE WERE THE FIRST IN THE STATE ON MANY OF THE
12 INITIATIVES, INCLUDING THE FUNDING OF NEEDLE EXCHANGE, THE
13 REMOVAL OF TOBACCO FROM THE SALE AT PHARMACIES, BROAD ACCESS
14 WITHOUT REGARD TO INCOME OR IMMIGRATION STATUS. SO MOST OF MY
15 CAREER HAS BEEN SPENT ON THE PUBLIC HEALTH SIDE. THE
16 DEPARTMENT, AS WELL, HAD A MENTAL HEALTH DIVISION THAT WAS
17 WELL RESPECTED. AND THAT IN THE TIME THAT I HAVE BEEN HERE, I
18 HOPE PEOPLE HAVE NOTICED THAT MY GOAL IS NOT TO MEDICALIZE
19 THINGS. MY GOAL IS TO MEET THE NEEDS OF CLIENTS. AND THAT'S
20 WHY WITH THIS BOARD'S APPROVAL, WE CREATED 950 UNITS OF
21 SUPPORTIVE HOUSING. AND WE DID THAT BY RECOGNIZING THAT
22 REDUCING THE COSTS IN THE HOSPITAL BY MOVING PEOPLE TO
23 SUPPORTIVE HOUSING WAS A WIN FOR THE CLIENTS AND A WIN FOR THE
24 COUNTY.

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1 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** COULD YOU ELABORATE ON YOUR EFFORTS TO
2 ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS? I KNOW THAT YOU'VE DONE SOME THINGS
3 THERE.

4

5 **DR. MITCHELL KATZ:** YES. WELL I'VE TRIED-- MY OWN FEELING, AND
6 IT DERIVES DIRECTLY AS MY EXPERIENCE AS A CLINICIAN. WHEN I
7 TAKE CARE OF SOMEBODY WHO'S HOMELESS, THE SINGLE MOST
8 EFFECTIVE INTERVENTION THAT I COULD HAVE FOR THEM IS NOT TO
9 SEND THEM FOR AN M.R.I. SCAN, IT'S NOT TO SEND THEM FOR A
10 LABORATORY, IT'S NOT TO WRITE A PRESCRIPTION; IT'S TO HOUSE
11 THEM. HOMELESSNESS AND I WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE YOUR COLLEAGUE,
12 SUPERVISOR KNABE, WHO IS SPEARHEADING AN INITIATIVE AROUND
13 HOUSING ACROSS THE COUNTY, HOUSING IS THE CURE FOR
14 HOMELESSNESS. YOU CAN CURE HOMELESSNESS. BUT YOU HAVE TO FOCUS
15 ON SUPPORTIVE HOUSING. AND IN THE PROGRAMS THAT MARK TROTS HAS
16 DONE IN LOS ANGELES, WE'RE NOW RUNNING 90 PERCENT OF PEOPLE
17 STAYING WITHIN A YEAR, WE'RE SEEING DRAMATIC DROPS IN HOSPITAL
18 USE, IN DRUG USE, IN ALCOHOL USE, IN THE SYMPTOMS THAT PEOPLE
19 HAVE THROUGH MENTAL ILLNESS. SO WE ARE PUSHING VERY HARD ON A
20 FEDERAL LEVEL TO TRY TO GET THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO
21 RECOGNIZE THAT MEDICAID SHOULD HAVE TO PAY FOR HOUSING. AND I
22 THINK THAT THAT'S A BREAK THROUGH WE MIGHT WELL HAVE IN THE
23 NEXT YEAR.

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1 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** ONE LAST QUESTION IS: HOW WOULD THIS
2 PROPOSED AGENCY MODEL DIFFER FROM THE 2007 MODEL?

3

4 **DR. MITCHELL KATZ:** WELL, A LOT HAS CHANGED SINCE 2007. I MEAN,
5 ON THE PUBLIC HEALTH SIDE, AT THAT TIME D.H.S. WAS IN CRISIS.
6 HUGE DEFICITS THAT THIS BOARD HAD TO DEAL WITH, THAT
7 THREATENED THE ENTIRE COUNTY. PUBLIC HEALTH WAS ACTUALLY A
8 MESHED-IN PART SO THE BUDGET WASN'T PROTECTED, IT WASN'T
9 SEPARATE. SO, YES, MANY THINGS COULDN'T HAPPEN. BUT WE ARE NOW
10 IN A POSITION WHERE THE COUNTY IS HEALTHY THANKS TO THE
11 FORESIGHT OF THE BOARD MEMBERS HERE FROM A FINANCIAL POINT OF
12 VIEW. THERE IS NO DEFICIT. WE'RE NOT PROPOSING MESHING THE
13 BUDGETS. I'VE ALSO LEARNED IN THE HISTORY THAT PART OF PUBLIC
14 HEALTH WAS ABLE TO BE MORE EFFICIENT IN GETTING ITS WORK DONE
15 AFTER THE SEPARATION WAS THAT THIS BOARD ALLOCATED \$12 MILLION
16 AFTER THE SEPARATION OCCURRED TO HELP FULFILL ADMINISTRATIVE
17 RESPONSIBILITIES. SOME OF WHAT PEOPLE REMEMBER IS THEY
18 COULDN'T GET THINGS DONE. BUT IT WASN'T NECESSARILY ALL THE
19 FAULT OF BEING TOGETHER. IT WAS THE FAULT OF NO SEPARATE
20 BUDGET, AN INADEQUATE BUDGET. AND THOSE THINGS HAVE BEEN
21 FIXED.

22

23 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. KATZ.

24

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1 **SUP. KNABE:** MR. MAYOR? CAN I GO AHEAD? I'D LIKE TO-- THANK
2 YOU, DR. KATZ. BUT I'D ALSO LIKE TO ASK MARV AND CINDY TO JOIN
3 US UP HERE. [APPLAUSE.] EVERYBODY LIKES APPLAUSE BUT REMEMBER,
4 LIFT THE ROOF, AS THE GOOD MAYOR SAID, NO APPLAUSE. I WANT DR.
5 KATZ HERE, AS WELL, TOO. GIVE HIM SOME MORE WATER.

6

7 **DR. MITCHELL KATZ:** THANK YOU, SIR.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE:** YOU HEARD SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S QUESTION TO DR. KATZ.
10 AND I WOULD JUST BECAUSE I THINK THERE'S A LOT OF
11 MISCONCEPTIONS OUT THERE AND CONCERN. YOUR INTERPRETATION OF
12 WHAT YOU THINK AS IT RELATES TO YOUR CONTACT WITH BOARD OF
13 SUPERVISORS, YOUR DIRECT CONTACT, WITH YOUR INDIVIDUAL
14 BUDGETARY OPERATIONS, DO YOU INTERPRET IT THE SAME WAY AS IT
15 UNFOLDS IN THIS PARTICULAR MOTION?

16

17 **DR. MARVIN SOUTHARD:** MR. MAYOR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, MARV
18 SOUTHWARD, MENTAL HEALTH. IT'S NOT CLEAR TO ME EXACTLY HOW THE
19 BUDGETARY ASPECTS OF THIS WILL ACTUALLY END UP PLAYING OUT. I
20 BELIEVE THAT DR. KATZ IS CORRECT, THAT IN AN AGENCY MODEL, THE
21 CONTACT BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT HEADS AND THE BOARD WOULD BE
22 ENCOURAGED NOT IMPEDED IN ANY FASHION BECAUSE THAT'S THE WAY
23 THAT GOVERNMENT OUGHT TO WORK. I KNOW THAT WOULD BE THE
24 INTEREST OF YOUR BOARD. I THINK MY MAJOR CONCERNS WITH THE
25 CREATION OF THE AGENCY AND THE INTEGRATION HAVE TO DO WITH THE

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1 FACT THAT INTEGRATION OF MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES IS A BIGGER--
2 WITH PHYSICAL HEALTH SERVICES, IS A BIGGER THING THAN THE
3 INTEGRATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, WITH THE
4 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES. THE MAJORITY OF OUR CURRENT
5 MENTAL HEALTH CLIENTS RECEIVE THEIR PHYSICAL HEALTHCARE FROM
6 F.Q.H.C.S AND COMMUNITY AGENCIES, NOT JUST FROM THE DEPARTMENT
7 OF HEALTH SERVICES. SO AS WE LOOK TO THE FUTURE AND TRY TO
8 INTEGRATE CARE SO THAT WE SERVE THE SERIOUSLY PERSISTENTLY
9 MENTALLY ILL AS WELL AS THE MILD TO MODERATE MENTALLY ILL AND
10 WORK WITH THE HEALTH PLANS TO DO THAT, THAT AN AGENCY MODEL
11 WOULD NOT IMPEDE US FROM TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THOSE KINDS OF
12 INTEGRATION WITH ENTITIES THAT AREN'T A PART OF THE COUNTY
13 STRUCTURE.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE:** IS THAT THE WAY YOU SEE IT, DR. KATZ? INTEGRATION
16 AS IT RELATES TO BUDGETARY PIECE?

17

18 **DR. MITCHELL KATZ:** I'M NOT TOTALLY SURE WHAT DR. SOUTHARD
19 NEEDS. THE MOTION SPECIFICALLY SAYS THE BUDGETS ARE SEPARATE.
20 I MEAN, CERTAINLY MY EXPERIENCE HERE IS EVEN WITHIN MY OWN
21 BUDGET, ONLY THIS BOARD APPROPRIATES MONEY AND ALLOWS ME TO
22 SPEND MONEY EVEN WITHIN MY OWN DEPARTMENTS, RIGHT? I HAVE TO
23 FOR EACH POSITION, I COME TO YOU FOR APPROVAL. SO TO ME, THAT
24 PART IS CLEAR AND IRONCLAD THAT ONLY THIS BOARD CAN CHANGE THE
25 ALLOCATION OF DOLLARS.

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1

2 **SUP. KNABE:** CINDY, YOUR COMMENTS AS IT RELATES TO THE OVERALL
3 DISCUSSION HERE AND YOUR INTERPRETATION.

4

5 **CYNTHIA HARDING:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS. GOOD AFTERNOON. I
6 APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO JUST SHARE A FEW THOUGHTS.
7 OVERALL, I AM TOTALLY ON BOARD WITH THE IDEA OF INTEGRATING
8 SERVICES AND THAT THOSE SERVICES THAT WE PROVIDE FOR OUR
9 CLIENTS SHOULD BE DRIVEN BY SCIENCE, SHOULD BE DRIVEN BY
10 COMPASSIONATE CARE, THEY SHOULD BE FULLY INTEGRATED AND THEY
11 SHOULD BE CULTURALLY COMPETENT. AND WE HAVE A LOT OF ROOM TO
12 IMPROVE IN THAT AREA IN ALL THREE DEPARTMENTS IN HOW WE
13 INTEGRATED SERVICES BETTER. SO LET ME JUST FIRST SAY I TRULY
14 BELIEVE IN THAT. BUT WHERE MY CONCERNS ARE, AND I HAVE THREE
15 CONCERNS ABOUT THE HEALTH AGENCY PROPOSAL, HAVE TO DO WITH THE
16 FACT THAT A LOT OF WHAT WE DO IN PUBLIC HEALTH IS NOT CLINICAL
17 CARE. IT DOESN'T TAKE PLACE WITHIN THE FOUR WALLS OF THE
18 CLINIC. AND THE FEAR, THE CONCERN THAT I'VE HEARD FROM MANY OF
19 THE CONSTITUENTS IN THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMUNITY, IN THE
20 HOSPITAL COMMUNITY AND IN OTHER ARENAS IS THAT THERE'S A
21 POTENTIAL TO PUT ALL OF OUR RESOURCES AND TIME AND ENERGY INTO
22 INTEGRATING THE CARE FOR SERVICES IN OUR D.H.S. CLINICS AND
23 TAKE AWAY FROM THE OPPORTUNITIES WE HAVE TO IMPROVE POPULATION
24 HEALTH FOR ALL 10 MILLION RESIDENTS, WHICH IS THE WORK THAT WE
25 DO IN PUBLIC HEALTH. SO THERE IS A CONCERN THAT OUR TIME AND

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1 ENERGY WILL BE TAKEN UP FOR FOCUSING ON A SMALL GROUP OF
2 CLIENTS AS OPPOSED TO THE ENTIRE COUNTY. I ALSO HAVE A CONCERN
3 ABOUT--

4

5 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** CAN I JUST INTERJECT? HOW DO YOU RESPOND TO
6 THAT, DR. KATZ?

7

8 **DR. MITCHELL KATZ:** AGAIN, I'M THINKING ABOUT HOMELESSNESS.
9 HOMELESSNESS IS A PUBLIC HEALTH PROBLEM. IT IS A PROBLEM THAT
10 AFFECTS ALL THE RESIDENTS OF THE COUNTY, EVEN THOSE THAT ARE
11 NOT THEMSELVES HOMELESS. THINK ABOUT WHAT THESE THREE
12 DEPARTMENTS CAN DO TOGETHER FOR HOMELESSNESS IN TERMS OF
13 RESOLVING IT. SO I DON'T SEE THAT THERE IS-- I'VE NEVER FELT
14 THAT THERE'S ANY CONTRADICTION BETWEEN GOOD PUBLIC HEALTH AND
15 GOOD HEALTH SERVICES. TO ME-- AND I CERTAINLY DON'T-- MY
16 VISION HAS NEVER BEEN THAT MORE THINGS SHOULD HAPPEN IN THE
17 CLINIC. MY VISION HAS ALWAYS BEEN THAT MORE THINGS SHOULD
18 HAPPEN IN THE COMMUNITY, ON THE STREETS, THAT THAT'S WHERE WE
19 DO IT.

20

21 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** THANK YOU FOR SHARING THAT, BUT THAT'S NOT
22 WHAT'S IN THE REPORT. THAT'S WHY I WAS REACTING TO THE REPORT
23 THAT WAS SHARED. [APPLAUSE.]

24

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ONCE AGAIN, PLEASE, PLEASE, IF YOU'RE
2 GOING TO SHOW EXPRESSION, SUPPORT, LIFT THE ROOF AND NOT THE
3 APPLAUSE BECAUSE THIS IS A LONG MEETING. WE HAVE ABOUT ANOTHER
4 150 SPEAKERS WHO WANT TO SPEAK. AND, AGAIN, PLEASE.

5

6 **CYNTHIA HARDING:** I'M INCREDIBLY ENCOURAGED BY YOUR COMMENTS,
7 DR. KATZ. YOU'RE RIGHT. THE THREE OF US NEED TO WORK TOGETHER
8 ON ISSUES LIKE HOMELESSNESS AND WORK TOGETHER ON THOSE
9 POPULATION HEALTH ISSUES THAT TAKE PLACE OUTSIDE OF THE CLINIC
10 AS WELL AS INSIDE THE CLINIC. IF I COULD SHARE ONE OTHER
11 CONCERN I HAVE, WHICH IS THAT I'M CONCERNED ABOUT THE NOTION
12 THAT THE HEALTH AGENCY WILL SAVE MONEY. THAT SOMEHOW WE'RE
13 GOING TO REDUCE COSTS FOR THE HEALTH AGENCY. AND I'M CONCERNED
14 BECAUSE I THINK CREATING A STRUCTURE ABOVE OUR THREE
15 DEPARTMENTS HAS SOME COSTS ATTACHED TO IT. AND IF WE BELIEVE
16 THAT OUR-- I THINK THAT IT'S FALSE TO BELIEVE THAT OUR
17 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES WITHIN EACH OF OUR DEPARTMENTS ARE
18 SOMEHOW DUPLICATIVE, THAT BY CONSOLIDATING THOSE ADMIN
19 SERVICES WE HAVE THE POTENTIAL-- AND IT'S JUST A CONCERN, I'M
20 HOPING THAT THAT WON'T HAPPEN-- WE HAVE THE POTENTIAL TO
21 REDUCE THE SERVICES THAT WE PROVIDE BECAUSE IT WILL TAKE
22 LONGER TO GET OUT OUR COMMUNITY-BASED CONTRACTS, OUR
23 PREVENTIVE POLICY WORK OR OTHER CRITICAL RESOURCES. I THINK WE
24 HAVE TO PROTECT AGAINST THAT AS WE LOOK AT ADMINISTRATION
25 BECAUSE IT WILL BE CRITICAL FOR US TO MAKE SURE AS THE HEALTH

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1 AGENCY IS DEVELOPED THAT WE DON'T END UP REDUCING SERVICES AS
2 A RESULT OF IT TAKING LONGER TO DO BUSINESS. I WOULD HOPE THAT
3 AS YOU THINK ABOUT THE REORGANIZATION OF THESE THREE
4 DEPARTMENTS AND PUTTING IT UNDER AN AGENCY STRUCTURE, IF
5 THERE'S AN EQUAL EMPHASIS ON OVERALL HEALTH AND PREVENTION AS
6 MUCH AS THERE IS ON DEVELOPING BETTER INTEGRATED CLINICAL
7 SERVICES.

8

9 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** DR. KATZ, DO YOU WANT TO RESPOND TO HER LAST
10 CONCERN?

11

12 **DR. MITCHELL KATZ:** WELL, THE PROPOSAL DOES NOT ASK FOR ANY
13 ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS. I BELIEVE THAT ALL DOLLARS SHOULD
14 ALWAYS GO TO SERVICES, THAT YOU SHOULD ALWAYS AVOID CREATING
15 NEW ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURES. AGAIN, MY VIEW IS THAT THE
16 BOARD WILL SAY "HERE ARE THE ISSUES WE WANT DEALT WITH:
17 HOMELESSNESS, DIVERSION, AND THAT WHY WOULD IT COST US MORE TO
18 DEAL WITH THOSE ISSUES TOGETHER THAN IT WOULD COST US TO DEAL
19 WITH THOSE ISSUES SEPARATELY? WE'RE THREE DEPARTMENTS. IF WE
20 ARE WORKING WELL TOGETHER, IT WILL COST US LESS AND WE WILL
21 ACHIEVE MORE JUST BY DOING THE GOOD WORK TOGETHER. THERE IS AN
22 AMAZING AMOUNT OF SYNERGY BETWEEN THESE THREE DEPARTMENTS.

23

24 **DR. MARVIN SOUTHARD:** SUPERVISOR, MY CONCERN CONCERNING THE
25 BUDGET WAS REALLY RELATED TO THIS MATTER BECAUSE IF THERE ARE

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1 NOT NEW POSITIONS FOR THE AGENCY, THE WORK OF THE AGENCY WILL
2 BE DONE BY PEOPLE WHO ARE TRANSFERRED FROM THE THREE
3 DEPARTMENTS TO BECOME THE AGENCY STAFF. SO THAT WILL EITHER
4 TAKE THE ROLE OF HAVING THE STAFF OF THE AGENCY IF THEY ALL
5 CAME FROM HEALTH SERVICES, FOR EXAMPLE, TO BE THE ENTITY THAT
6 CONTROLS THE OTHER TWO DEPARTMENTS. IF ON THE OTHER HAND THE
7 STAFF IS PULLED FROM ALL THREE AGENCIES, IT MAY IMPAIR THE
8 ABILITY OF AGENCIES THAT STAFF ARE LEAVING TO DO SOME OF THEIR
9 CORE WORK. THAT'S WHY MY REMARK WAS REALLY RELATED TO IT
10 DEPENDS ON THE DETAILS OF HOW AN AGENCY WOULD ACTUALLY BE
11 STRUCTURED IN THE REAL WORLD AND THAT WASN'T COMPLETELY CLEAR
12 FROM THE REPORT. IN FACT THAT SOMETIMES THE REPORT SEEMS
13 CONTRADICTORY BECAUSE IT DETAILED THAT THE THREE DEPARTMENTS
14 WOULD HAVE THEIR OWN AUTONOMY AND YET MADE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR
15 TRANSFERS OF STAFF THAT WOULD LIMIT, IN MY VIEW, THE AUTONOMY
16 OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND THE MENTAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS.
17 [APPLAUSE.]

18

19 **SUP. KNABE:** IT'S KILLING YOUR OWN TIME. THE FOLLOW UP OF THAT
20 AS AN EXAMPLE ON A BUDGETARY REQUEST DURING THE NORMAL
21 BUDGETARY PROCESS, EACH OF THE DEPARTMENTS WOULD DEVELOP THEIR
22 OWN BUDGET. WOULD THAT BUDGETARY REQUEST COME DIRECTLY TO THE
23 C.E.O. WITHOUT GOING THROUGH THE AGENCY PERSON IN CHARGE? OR
24 WOULD IT COME WITH SOME FILTER? I MEAN, WOULD IT BE UNFILTERED
25 DIRECTLY TO THE C.E.O., TO THE BOARD, OR WOULD IT HAVE TO GO,

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1 THROUGH, SAY, WHOEVER THAT PERSON IS OVERSEEING THOSE THREE
2 INTEGRATIONS? WHAT IS YOUR INTERPRETATION, SACHI? I'M UNDER
3 THE INTERPRETATION THAT THERE WOULD BE NO FILTER.

4

5 **INTERIM C.E.O. SACHI HAMAI:** MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT EACH
6 DEPARTMENT WOULD STILL SUBMIT THEIR PROPOSALS INDIVIDUALLY.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE:** DIRECTLY TO YOU?

9

10 **INTERIM C.E.O. SACHI HAMAI:** DIRECTLY. BUT I THINK THERE WOULD
11 HAVE TO BE SOME COLLABORATION WITH THE AGENCY HEAD.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE:** THERE WOULD BE COLLABORATION. BUT I'M TALKING
14 ABOUT THE FILTER PIECE. BECAUSE THAT'S REALLY WHERE THE
15 CONTROL COMES AT THE END OF THE DAY, COLLABORATION IS GREAT.
16 BUT IF THERE'S A FILTER THAT ALL OF A SUDDEN-- AND I THINK
17 THAT'S A CONCERN WITH LISTENING AND HEARING, ALL THE EMAILS
18 AND THINGS, THAT MONEY WOULD NORMALLY GO COULD BE SIPHONED OFF
19 SOME PLACE BASED ON THE AGENCY DIRECTOR'S PREROGATIVE.

20

21 **DR. MITCHELL KATZ:** I THINK PART OF WHAT YOUR RESOLUTION DOES
22 IS IT SETS THAT EACH OF THE DEPARTMENTS HAVE SET BUDGETS.
23 THERE'S A BUDGETARY AMOUNT ATTACHED TO EACH OF THE
24 DEPARTMENTS. AND BY SEPARATING THAT OUT, WHAT YOU'RE SAYING IS
25 THAT THE MENTAL HEALTH BUDGET IS THE MENTAL HEALTH BUDGET.

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1 IT'S NOT TO BE USED FOR HEALTH SERVICES, IT IS NOT TO BE USED
2 FOR PUBLIC HEALTH, IT'S NOT TO BE USED FOR SOMETHING ELSE.
3 IT'S THE MENTAL HEALTH BUDGET, AND THE MENTAL HEALTH DIRECTOR
4 WOULD BE THE BEST PERSON TO FIGURE OUT WHAT THE MENTAL HEALTH
5 BUDGET IS. BUT PART OF BEING TOGETHER IS THAT WHAT I IMAGINE
6 IS WE'RE GOING TO ALL BE SAYING: OKAY. WELL OUR MAJOR
7 OBJECTIVES ARE THINGS LIKE DECREASING HOMELESSNESS, FIGURING
8 OUT HOW TO DO DIVERSION, WHAT DO WE EACH DO WITHIN PUBLIC
9 HEALTH TO DO THAT, WITHIN MENTAL HEALTH TO DO THAT, WITHIN
10 HEALTH SERVICES TO DO THAT? AND THAT'S WHERE THE COLLABORATION
11 HAPPENS.

12

13 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** MR. MAYOR?

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND YOU ALSO MENTIONED ABOUT THE
16 ECONOMIES OF SCALE, YOU SAY SAVINGS WITH THE PHARMACEUTICAL
17 END OF THE DEPARTMENTS?

18

19 **DR. MITCHELL KATZ:** WE DO BELIEVE THAT THERE WILL BE THINGS--
20 MAYOR, THANK YOU FOR RAISING IT. OBVIOUSLY SOME OF THE BEST
21 THE SAVINGS THAT YOU CAN ACHIEVE ARE AROUND COMMODITIES,
22 RIGHT? BECAUSE THAT DOESN'T HURT ANYONE. SO IF YOU JUST
23 INCREASE THE PURCHASING POWER BY BEING A LARGER ENTITY. OR IF,
24 FOR EXAMPLE, PRIMARY CARE DOCTORS ATTACH TO HOSPITALS, DO SOME
25 OF THE PRESCRIPTION WRITING TO GET 340 B PRICING ON MENTAL

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1 HEALTH MEDICATIONS. SO THERE ARE OPPORTUNITIES. PUBLIC HEALTH
2 GETS 340 B PRICING. SO SOMEONE FROM A CLINIC OF OURS THAT
3 DOESN'T HAVE 340 B PRICING BUT NEEDS A PARTICULAR MEDICINE
4 THAT HAS A PUBLIC HEALTH PURPOSE LIKE VIVITROL MIGHT BE ABLE
5 TO GET THAT AT A CENTER. SO THERE ARE A LOT OF OPPORTUNITIES.
6 SUPPLY CHAIN IS ONE WE WANT TO LOOK AT. WE WANT TO FIGURE OUT-
7 - AND IT MAY BE SINCE ALL OF THESE SUPPLIES TEND TO GET
8 ARRANGED SEPARATELY, WE MAY DISCOVER THAT, OH, WELL, MENTAL
9 HEALTH HAS ARRANGED THE BEST DEAL FOR ACQUIRING A PARTICULAR
10 COMMODITY AND WILL ACQUIRE FOR ALL OF US THROUGH THAT DEAL.
11 AND SO I THINK THAT THERE IS AN OPPORTUNITY AROUND
12 CONTRACTING, AS WELL. IF WE ARE LOOKING AT DIVERSION
13 OPPORTUNITIES, WE'RE ALREADY DISCUSSING THIS MORNING WHO
14 ALREADY HAS AN EXISTING CONTRACT. DO WE WANT TO QUICKLY MOVE
15 PEOPLE OUT OF JAIL, WHO ALREADY AMONG THE THREE OF US HAS A
16 CONTRACT? SO I THINK THERE ARE ECONOMIES OF SCALE THAT DON'T
17 HURT ANYONE. THEY'RE WINS FOR EVERYONE.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AS A SINGLE AGENCY WHAT, REVENUE
20 OPPORTUNITIES WILL BE ENHANCED?

21

22 **DR. MITCHELL KATZ:** WELL, I BELIEVE IT PUTS US IN A STRONGER
23 POSITION IN REGARD TO THE HEALTH PLANS AND WOULD ENABLE US TO
24 NEGOTIATE BETTER RATES AND MAYBE REALLY ENTER SOME OF THE
25 COMMERCIAL AREAS, CERTAINLY POOR PATIENTS WHO HAVE COMPLEX

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1 NEEDS, TOGETHER YOU HAVE TO CARVE OUT MENTAL HEALTH, YOU HAVE
2 ESSENTIALLY SAME-DAY SERVICES THAT ARE AVAILABLE TO CERTAIN
3 PUBLIC HEALTH NEEDS WHICH MIGHT BE IMPORTANT TO YOUNG PEOPLE
4 WHO TEND NOT TO HAVE CHRONIC PROBLEMS BUT MAY NEED TO AVAIL
5 THEMSELVES OF SOME OF THE SEXUAL HEALTH SERVICES THAT ARE
6 OFFERED AS PART OF PUBLIC HEALTH. SO I THINK THAT THERE ARE A
7 LOT OF WAYS WE COULD BE MORE ATTRACTIVE, MR. MAYOR.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL AND THEN SUPERVISOR
10 THOMAS.

11

12 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR. JUST A FEW MORE
13 COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS. IT SEEMS TO ME THAT OVER THE PAST
14 SEVERAL MONTHS THAT DR. GHALY HAS BEEN SHEPHERDING THE INPUT
15 OF INFORMATION AND THEN PUTTING IT INTO THIS REPORT, I WANT TO
16 PRAISE DR. GHALY FOR THAT REPORT. I FELT IT WAS VERY BALANCED,
17 MORE BALANCED THAN ANYONE EXPECTED IT WAS GOING TO BE. IT
18 DIDN'T COME TO A CONCLUSION BECAUSE THAT IS OUR JOB. IT WAS
19 VERY GOOD, AND IN THE PROCESS, I HEARD A LOT OF FEAR. A LOT OF
20 FEAR, A LOT OF WORRY, A LOT OF CONCERN FROM MANY DIFFERENT
21 COMMUNITIES. AND THE FEARS ESSENTIALLY TO ME BOIL DOWN TO: WE
22 DON'T WANT YOU TO UNIFY THEM BECAUSE WE DO NOT BELIEVE YOU
23 WILL DO IT CORRECTLY AND SOMETHING WILL BE LOST. THERE HAS
24 BEEN VERY LITTLE CONVERSATION-- [APPLAUSE.] -- ABOUT WHAT WILL
25 BE GAINED. AND, FRANKLY, THERE'S BEEN LITTLE CONVERSATION

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1 ABOUT HOW SCREWED UP IT IS RIGHT NOW. WHEN I GO INTO A CLINIC
2 AND I'VE GOT ONE COMPLAINT AND IT TURNS OUT I HAVE A MENTAL
3 HEALTH ISSUE, I'M TOLD GO SOMEWHERE ELSE. WHEN I GO SOMEWHERE
4 ELSE, I'M TOLD, I'M SORRY, WE HAVE AN ENTIRELY DIFFERENT
5 COMPUTER SYSTEM AND YOU NEED TO BEGIN ALL OVER AGAIN. PERHAPS
6 YOU'RE NOT QUALIFIED FOR SERVICES FOR MENTAL HEALTH, THOUGH
7 YOU DID QUALIFY UNDER YOUR HEALTH PLAN OR MEDI-CAL FOR HEALTH
8 SERVICES AT THE CLINICS, ET CETERA, ET CETERA. THERE'S A LOT
9 OF DISCONNECT. IT'S SOMEWHAT THE SAME WITH SUBSTANCE ABUSE
10 TREATMENT AND WITH-- NOT SO MUCH WITH H.I.V. /A.I.D.S., BUT
11 WE'VE SEEN THESE DISCONNECTS. TO ME IT'S QUITE DYSFUNCTIONAL.
12 NOW, I'M A NEWBIE HERE. I'M TRYING THE LOOK WITH FRESH EYES.
13 THE OTHER FEAR THAT'S EXPRESSED IS-- AND DR. FIELDING ACTUALLY
14 MADE QUITE A THING OF THIS-- IN THE OLD DAYS, D.H.S. WAS
15 BROKE. PUBLIC HEALTH WAS NOT. THE SUPERVISORS ESSENTIALLY SAID
16 LET'S TAKE SOMETHING FROM PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAVE THE
17 HOSPITALS. LET ME ASK YOU, DR. KATZ, AMONG THESE THREE
18 DEPARTMENTS, WHO DO YOU THINK HAS THE BEST INCOME
19 POSSIBILITIES AT THE MOMENT?

20

21 **DR. MITCHELL KATZ:** AS A GROWTH, PROBABLY MENTAL HEALTH, I
22 WOULD SAY.

23

24 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** BECAUSE?

25

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1 **DR. MITCHELL KATZ:** BECAUSE-- AND I SAY AS A GROWTH BECAUSE
2 THERE ARE MORE-- THE EQUITY LAWS ARE SUBSTANTIALLY CHANGING
3 AND SHOULD RESULT IN NEW FUNDING TO MENTAL HEALTH THAT WE
4 HAVEN'T PREVIOUSLY HAD. AND I JUST THINK A LOT OF SOME OF THE
5 OLD BARRIERS ARE STARTING TO BREAK DOWN AND PEOPLE ARE
6 RECOGNIZING THAT MENTAL HEALTH IS NOT AN ISSUE OF PULL-UP-
7 YOUR-BOOTSTRAPS, JUST GET OVER IT, THAT PEOPLE RECOGNIZE IT AS
8 A DISABLING ILLNESS.

9

10 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** HAS THE A.C.A. ALSO INCREASED THE REVENUE
11 TO D.H.S.?

12

13 **DR. MITCHELL KATZ:** YES, ABSOLUTELY.

14

15 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** SO THIS PART OF THE MOTION THAT IS VERY
16 SPECIFIC AS FAR AS I SEE ABOUT KEEPING THESE BUDGETS
17 CONSTRAINED IS A VERY IMPORTANT PART OF WHAT WE'RE ASKED TO
18 PAY ATTENTION TO. LET ME ASK IN PUBLIC HEALTH-- THESE ARE NOT
19 QUESTIONS TO WHICH I KNOW THE ANSWER, OBVIOUSLY. I'M BREAKING
20 ALL THE LAWYERS' RULES. THEY TELL YOU NEVER ASK A QUESTION
21 WHEN YOU DON'T ALREADY KNOW THE ANSWER, BUT I'M BREAKING THE
22 RULE BECAUSE I HONESTLY JUST WANT TO KNOW. IN PUBLIC HEALTH,
23 WHAT IS THE APPROACH, FOR INSTANCE, TO DIABETES? LET'S SAY
24 PREVENTION.

25

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1 **CYNTHIA HARDING:** THANK YOU FOR THAT QUESTION, SUPERVISOR. OUR
2 APPROACH IS TO BUILD HEALTHY COMMUNITIES WHERE THE HEALTHY
3 CHOICE IS THE EASIEST CHOICE. OUR GOAL IS PREVENTION SO WE CAN
4 REDUCE OBESITY, MAKE SURE THERE IS PLACES FOR PEOPLE TO
5 EXERCISE, PARKS FOR PEOPLE TO RECCREATE IN, HEALTHY FOOD
6 AVAILABLE IN THE MARKETS THAT ARE EASILY ACCESSIBLE TO PEOPLE,
7 TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS THAT PROMOTE BIKING AND WALKING, TREE-
8 LINED STREETS. THIS IS THE WORK THAT WE DO IN OUR CHRONIC
9 DISEASE PREVENTION PROGRAM, WORKING WITH COMMUNITIES ON
10 POLICIES THAT SUPPORT HEALTHY LIFESTYLES.

11

12 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** BUT WHEN I GO IN TO KAISER, AND THEY TELL
13 ME, WHICH FORTUNATELY THEY HAVEN'T YET, THAT I'M PREDIABETIC,
14 I DON'T KNOW ABOUT THE CONNECTION BETWEEN THE WORK THAT WE DO
15 IN PUBLIC HEALTH AND WHAT'S AVAILABLE AND WHAT MY MEDICAL
16 DOCTOR KNOWS ABOUT AND IS SAYING. I MEAN, IT TURNS OUT NOW
17 THEY HAVE FARMERS' MARKETS AT KAISER WHICH IS PART OF
18 INTEGRATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH PREVENTION TECHNIQUES AND A
19 TREATMENT FACILITY. I THINK IN SOME WAYS THIS IS WHAT WE
20 ENVISION, IS THE BEST OF ALL OF IT. AND WE'VE HAD SOME
21 FAILURES. I MEAN, I THINK IN-- WE'VE JUST SPENT THE WHOLE
22 MORNING TALKING ABOUT PEOPLE WHO ARE INCARCERATED, AND I,
23 FRANKLY, THINK WE'VE LET THEM DOWN IN ALL THREE AREAS, ALL
24 THREE AREAS: THEIR MEDICAL TREATMENT, THEIR MENTAL HEALTH
25 TREATMENT AND THEIR TREATMENT FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE DISORDER.

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1 AND THE VULNERABLE POPULATIONS FOR WHICH WE HAVE THE MOST
2 RESPONSIBILITY, I THINK YOU REFERRED TO AS A SMALL NUMBER
3 COMPARED TO THE 10 MILLION, BUT WHEN YOU ADD THEM ALL UP: THE
4 HOMELESS, THE INCARCERATED, THE KIDS IN THE CAMPS, THE PEOPLE
5 WHO ARE POOR AND AREN'T EVEN SEEKING HELP, WE HAVE TO FIND
6 THEM, IT'S NOT SUCH A SMALL NUMBER. AND I BELIEVE THAT THE
7 HOPE, IF WE DO THIS, IS THAT WE WILL PROTECT THE MISSION AND
8 INDEED IT'S MY HOPE EVALUATE THE PEOPLE RUNNING THE AGENCY ON
9 THE DEPARTMENTS BY HOW WELL THEY PRESERVE THESE MISSIONS.
10 [APPLAUSE.] SO AGAIN THIS IS A QUESTION I THINK EVERYBODY HAS.
11 I'M AFRAID YOU'RE NOT GOING TO DO IT RIGHT. AND, YOU KNOW, I
12 CAN'T SAY TRUST ME. I JUST HEARD WHAT EVERYBODY THINKS ABOUT
13 POLITICIANS. [LAUGHTER.] BUT IT IS MY INTENTION TO KEEP THESE
14 SEPARATE SO THAT EACH WILL EXCEL. BUT I HAVE TO SAY I'M MORE
15 DRAWN BY THE ABILITY OF OUR CLIENTS TO ACCESS SERVICES WITHOUT
16 ALL THE MISHEGAS THEY'VE BEEN GOING THROUGH.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS.

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. MAYOR AND
21 COLLEAGUES. I THINK THIS IS ABOUT OUR INTEGRATING AND
22 IMPROVING SERVICE DELIVERY. THAT'S ESSENTIALLY WHAT I'M
23 SIGNING UP FOR. IT IS, BY DEFINITION, A CRITIQUE OF THE STATUS
24 QUO. IN OTHER WORDS, I THINK IT IS TO BE APPRECIATED THAT WE
25 CAN AND THEREFORE SHOULD DO BETTER. IS IT A SCATHING ATTACK ON

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1 ANYONE OR ANYTHING? IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE INTERPRETED AS SUCH.
2 BUT THERE IS A DEGREE TO WHICH MORE HAS BEEN ASSIGNED AUTONOMY
3 THAN QUALITY. AND I JUST WANT TO BE ON RECORD AS RESISTING
4 THAT. I THINK THAT WHAT IS IN PLAY HERE IS IN PART RESISTANCE
5 TO INNOVATION AND EFFECTIVELY, THAT'S WHAT BUREAUCRACIES DO.
6 THE ADDITIONAL POINT THAT I WANT TO MAKE IS THIS: THE COUNTY,
7 NOT UNLIKE OTHER MASSIVE BUREAUCRACIES, HAS A PROPENSITY
8 TOWARD SILOS. AND THE END USERS ARE ULTIMATELY NOT THE
9 BENEFICIARIES. SO TO SOME EXTENT, I THINK THE PUSHBACK THAT
10 HAS BEEN EXPERIENCED HAS BEEN HELPFUL, IT'S BEEN USEFUL, IT'S
11 BEEN THOUGHTFUL. IT CERTAINLY HAS GOTTEN MY ATTENTION. I KNOW
12 PRECISELY WHERE I AGREE AND WHERE I DO NOT AGREE. BUT
13 ULTIMATELY THE IMPULSE THAT DRIVES THIS IS NOT NAMELY THAT OF
14 CAPTURING EFFICIENCIES BUT ENHANCING THE QUALITY OF SERVICES
15 FOR CONSUMERS, FOR CLIENTS, FOR CONSTITUENTS. THAT'S WHERE WE
16 OUGHT TO BE PREPARED TO LAND. IT IS NOT MY POINT OF VIEW THAT
17 EVERYONE WILL ALWAYS AGREE WITH THAT AND IMMEDIATELY SEE THAT,
18 BUT I WANT IT TO BE APPRECIATED THAT THIS IS NOT ABOUT A COST-
19 CUTTING AGENDA. THIS IS PRECISELY ABOUT HOW WE CAN MORE
20 STRATEGICALLY AND EFFECTIVELY MAXIMIZE THE POSITIVE IMPACTS TO
21 THOSE WHO ARE DEPENDENT ON THESE SERVICES. AND ALL THREE
22 DEPARTMENTS PROVIDE A CRITICALLY IMPORTANT ROLE AND FUNCTION.
23 THERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH STEPPING UP OR STEPPING FORWARD AND
24 ASKING THE QUESTION: CAN WE DO THIS BETTER? IT SEEMS TO ME WE
25 ARE OBLIGED TO DO THAT, AND IN SO DOING, THERE IS AN IMPLICIT

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1 CRITIQUE OF THAT WHICH IS CURRENTLY BEING DONE. THAT MAKES
2 SOME PEOPLE UNCOMFORTABLE. EVERYBODY TALKING ABOUT HEAVEN
3 AIN'T GOING THERE. WE GET THAT THE POINT THAT I WANT TO MAKE
4 IS, FEAR NOT CHANGE. THIS IS THOUGHTFUL, IT IS CAREFUL, IT IS
5 RESPECTFUL AND ULTIMATELY, I BELIEVE IT CAN AND WILL SERVE THE
6 INTEREST OF THOSE THAT WE CLAIM TO BE MOST CONCERNED ABOUT.
7 THEREFORE I ANTICIPATE VOTING AYE TO MOVE THIS AGENDA FORWARD.
8 THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ANY OTHER COMMENTS? WE WANT TO THANK
11 EACH OF YOU AND WE'LL GO TO THE PUBLIC COMMENT AS I HAD CALLED
12 THE FIRST FOUR WAS TEDDY MCKENNA, LIANN CHIEN, ALISHA SMITH
13 AND RON ZADKOVITCH. YOU EACH HAVE TWO MINUTES EACH.

14

15 **TEDDY MCKENNA:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS TEDDY
16 MCKENNA. I AM A LICENSED CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER, A 20-YEAR
17 DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH EMPLOYEE AND I'M PRESIDENT OF
18 A.F.S.C.M.E. LOCAL 2712, THE ASSOCIATION OF PSYCHIATRIC SOCIAL
19 WORKERS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AND I'M HERE TODAY TO SUPPORT
20 THE HEALTH AGENCY PROPOSAL. OUR MEMBERS ARE DIRECT PROVIDERS
21 OF MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH
22 AND HEALTH SERVICES AND THEREFORE THAT'S WHAT THEY'RE DOING
23 RIGHT NOW. THEY CAN'T BE HERE TODAY TO TESTIFY THEMSELVES.
24 HOWEVER, I DID BRING A PETITION WITH ME THAT I'D LIKE TO
25 SUBMIT, SIGNED BY MEMBERS OF OUR LOCAL AND OF LOCAL 3511, THE

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1 MENTAL HEALTH CLINICAL SUPERVISORS, WHO ALSO SUPPORT THE
2 HEALTH AGENCY AND THEIR PRESIDENT MARINA MARTIN WILL ALSO BE
3 SPEAKING TODAY. THERE'S NO DOUBT THAT WE PROVIDE SOME
4 EXCELLENT SERVICES HERE IN L.A. COUNTY RIGHT NOW. BUT THE
5 DELIVERY SYSTEM IS TOO DISJOINTED. OBTAINING CARE CAN BE
6 CONFUSING AND DIFFICULT. AND WE CAN DO BETTER. I BELIEVE THE
7 HEALTH AGENCY MODEL HAS TREMENDOUS POTENTIAL FOR HELPING US
8 USE OUR RESOURCES MORE EFFICIENTLY, ELIMINATING THE
9 REDUNDANCIES THAT FRUSTRATE CLIENTS AND CLINICIANS ALIKE, AND
10 MOST IMPORTANTLY TO USE A CHERISHED SOCIAL WORK PRINCIPLE TO
11 USE A PERSON-IN-ENVIRONMENT APPROACH THAT IS INTEGRATED CARE.
12 ORGANIZATIONAL CHANGE, AS SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS ALLUDED TO,
13 CAN BE SCARY. BUT A.F.S.C.M.E. WORKERS HAVE IMPORTANT
14 INSIGHTS, EXPERIENCES AND IDEAS THAT WE CAN BRING TO THE TABLE
15 AS STAKEHOLDERS IN THE NEW HEALTH AGENCY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH,
16 SUPERVISORS.

17
18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. YES, MA'AM.

19
20 **DR. LIAN CHIEN:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS DR. LIAN CHIEN. I
21 CURRENTLY WORK AS A PSYCHIATRIST AT THE NORTHEAST MENTAL
22 HEALTH CLINIC. ABOUT NINE YEARS AGO I SAT IN THIS VERY SEAT
23 PROTESTING THE CLOSURE OF M.L.K. HOSPITAL. AND TODAY I FEEL
24 THAT MY PROTEST IS JUST AS URGENT BECAUSE AS SUPERVISOR SAID,
25 BEFORE THIS CURRENT SYSTEM IS NOT WORKING. IT'S GIVING OUR

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1 PATIENTS A LOT OF RUN-AROUND. AND THEY HAVE TO FIGHT THROUGH
2 SO MANY HOOPS TO GET THE CARE THAT THEY NEED, IF AT ALL. WHEN
3 I TRULY LISTEN TO MY PATIENTS, WHAT THEY'RE ASKING FOR IS
4 INTEGRATED HEALTHCARE SYSTEM. THEY WANT THEIR PSYCHIATRIST
5 SUCH AS MYSELF TO BE ABLE TO COORDINATE CARE WITH THEIR
6 PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIAN BECAUSE A LOT OF THE MEDICATIONS I
7 PRESCRIBE MAY BE ASSOCIATED WITH DIABETES AND CARDIOVASCULAR
8 DISEASE. THEY WANT THEIR PSYCHIATRIST TO BE ABLE TO USE THE
9 SAME COMPUTER SYSTEM TO LOOK UP WHAT TREATMENT THEY RECEIVED
10 IN THE HOSPITAL AT U.S.C., WHICH IS A COUNTY HOSPITAL, BUT WE
11 CANNOT CURRENTLY DO THAT. THEY WANT ONE PROVIDER TO ORDER A
12 SET OF TESTS SO THAT THEY DON'T HAVE TO GET POKED IN THE ARM
13 THREE OR FOUR TIMES FOR THE SAME TEST. AND THEY WANT THEIR
14 CASEWORKER AT D.M.H. TO BE ABLE TO ARRANGE FOR A GROUP THERAPY
15 AT A CONTRACTOR FACILITY CLOSER TO THEIR HOME, RATHER THAN
16 TAKING THREE OR FOUR BUSES AND A TRAIN TO COME TO A D.M.H.
17 CLINIC. SO IN SUMMARY, THEY WANT TO HAVE ALL THEIR NEEDS
18 ADDRESSED, AND THEY WANT TO GET THEIR NEEDS ADDRESSED WITHOUT
19 ANY DELAY, WITHOUT GOING THROUGH RED TAPE, WITHOUT WASTING
20 TAXPAYERS' MONEY. SO LET'S WORK AS A TEAM TO BE ONE PHONE CALL
21 AWAY, ONE DOOR KNOCK AWAY. TO USE THE SAME ELECTRONIC
22 HEALTHCARE SYSTEM. LET'S INCLUDE EVERYBODY ON THE TEAM,
23 INCLUDING THE NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING PRIMARY CARE
24 PHYSICIANS AND SPECIALISTS, SOCIAL WORKERS AND PSYCHIATRISTS.

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1 LET'S WALK HAND-IN-HAND AND HAVE A BETTER, MORE MINDFUL
2 INTEGRATED HEALTH CARE SYSTEM.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. LET ME CALL UP
5 BRUCE SALTZER AND BETTY DANDINO.

6

7 **ALISHA SMITH:** MY NAME IS DR. ALISHA SMITH. I'M A PSYCHIATRIST
8 AT TWIN TOWERS CORRECTIONAL FACILITY. I STRONGLY SUPPORT THE
9 MERGER BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, DEPARTMENT OF
10 PUBLIC HEALTH AND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES. THE MERGER OF
11 THESE WILL ALLOW FOR BETTER CARE. FOR INSTANCE, THERE WILL BE
12 A GREATER FOCUS ON SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT FOR INMATES.
13 INMATES WILL HAVE MORE ACCESS TO SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT IN
14 THE JAILS AND WILL BE CONNECTED TO SUBSTANCE ABUSE CLINICS AND
15 FACILITIES IN THE COMMUNITY WHEN THEY ARE RELEASED. THE GOAL
16 IS TO DECREASE RECIDIVISM BY TARGETING A DISEASE THAT IS OFTEN
17 COMORBID WITH MENTAL ILLNESS. ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF HOW THE
18 MERGER WILL IMPACT PATIENT CARE IS IMPROVED PSYCHIATRIC
19 MEDICATION OPTIONS. WITH THE MERGER OF D.H.S., D.H.S. WILL
20 CONTROL PHARMACEUTICAL SERVICES AND WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR
21 THEIR BUDGET AT THE JAILS. AS A RESULT, WE WILL HAVE SEVERAL
22 MORE PSYCHIATRIC MEDICATIONS ADDED TO OUR FORMULARY. OUR
23 FORMULARY WILL MORE CLOSELY RESEMBLE THE MEDICATIONS AVAILABLE
24 IN THE COMMUNITY. PATIENTS, ONCE ARRESTED, WILL HAVE A BETTER
25 CHANCE OF BEING PRESCRIBED THE MEDICATIONS THEY TOOK IN THE

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1 COMMUNITY. AS MANY OF YOU AWARE, THERE ARE A SHORTAGE OF
2 DENTISTS, INTERNISTS, PSYCHIATRISTS AND OTHERS SPECIALISTS AT
3 THE JAILS. D.H.S. HAS ACCEPTED AND IMPLEMENTED THE PHYSICIANS'
4 REGISTRY, WHICH IS A LIST OF PHYSICIANS AND DENTISTS THAT ARE
5 WILLING TO WORK EXTRA SHIFTS AND FILL IN COVERAGE GAPS. ONCE
6 THE MERGER OCCURS, THESE DOCTORS CAN OFFER THEIR SERVICES AT
7 THE JAIL. THIS INNOVATIVE IDEA WILL ASSIST IN PROVIDING 24-
8 HOUR CARE AT OUR JAILS. HOWEVER, I THINK THE CHANGE THAT I AM
9 MOST EXCITED ABOUT IS BEING ABLE TO WORK IN MORE THAN ONE
10 SYSTEM. FOR INSTANCE, I CAN WORK TWO DAYS AT THE JAILS AND TWO
11 DAYS IN AN OUTPATIENT CLINIC FOLLOWING UP WITH THE PATIENTS
12 THAT I PREVIOUSLY SAW IN JAIL. OR TWO DAYS IN JAIL, ONE DAY IN
13 A SUBSTANCE ABUSE CLINIC AND ONE DAY IN OUTPATIENT PSYCHIATRY.
14 NOW THAT'S CONTINUITY OF CARE. THESE ARE JUST A FEW EXAMPLES
15 OF HOW THE MERGER OF D.H.S., D.M.H. AND PUBLIC HEALTH WILL
16 IMPROVE HOLISTIC CARE AND TREATMENT OF PATIENTS. PLEASE
17 SUPPORT THIS ENDEAVOR. THANK YOU.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, MA'AM. LET ME ALSO CALL UP
20 BRITTNEY WEISSMAN. YES, SIR.

21

22 **RON ZADKOVITCH:** GOOD AFTERNOON AND AGAIN THANK YOU FOR THE
23 OPPORTUNITY TO TALK. MY NAME IS RON ZADKOVITCH AND I'M A
24 PSYCHIATRIST WORKING AT U.S.C., THE PSYCHIATRIC INPATIENT
25 WARD. AND I, TOO, AM SUPPORTING THE INTEGRATION OF THE THREE

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1 DEPARTMENTS. THE MAJORITY OF THE PATIENTS THAT I TREAT HAVE
2 SOME COMBINATION OF OBVIOUSLY PHYSICAL, MENTAL AND SUBSTANCE
3 ABUSE ISSUES. THE PROBLEM THAT I HAVE IS WITH THE WAY THE
4 HEALTHCARE SYSTEM IS SET UP RIGHT NOW MAKES IT ALMOST
5 IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME TO REALLY ADDRESS ALL THE ISSUES AND NEEDS
6 IN A TIMELY FASHION. WHEN A PATIENT IS ADMITTED TO MY WARD,
7 WHEN A NEW PATIENT COMES IN, IT IS VERY DIFFICULT FOR ME,
8 TAKES ME A LOT OF TIME TO FIGURE OUT WHO THE TREATING
9 PSYCHIATRIST IS ON THE OUTPATIENT BASIS OR THE MEDICAL
10 PHYSICIANS. AND THE TIME THAT IT TAKES ME TO FIGURE THAT OUT
11 IS A WASTE OF TIME IN TERMS OF PROVIDING THE CARE. AS A D.H.S.
12 PROVIDER SINCE I'M IN INPATIENT HOSPITAL SETTINGS, I DON'T
13 HAVE RECORD TO D.M.H. PSYCHIATRIC RECORDS, SO I CAN'T EVEN
14 LOOK UP THE PATIENTS' DIAGNOSIS, WHAT MEDICATIONS THEY'VE
15 RECEIVED AND WHAT TESTS HAVE BEEN DONE IN THE PAST. AND
16 UNFORTUNATELY WHAT HAPPENS IS, I'M WASTING TIME, WASTING DAYS
17 AND ULTIMATELY REPEATING THE SAME TESTS AGAIN AND TRYING
18 DIFFERENT MEDICATIONS THAT PROBABLY MAY NOT HAVE BEEN
19 EFFECTIVE IN THE PAST. WORKING TOGETHER AS ONE TEAM IN MY
20 HEAD, IN MY VIEW WILL IMPROVE THE COMMUNICATION BETWEEN ME AND
21 THE TREATING PSYCHIATRIST AND THE OUTPATIENT CLINIC AS WELL AS
22 THE TREATING PHYSICIANS IN THE OUTPATIENT CLINICS BECAUSE LIKE
23 I SAID RIGHT NOW, THERE'S LIMITED, IF ANY, COMMUNICATION. AND
24 THAT'S NOT EFFECTIVE. IN SHORT, INTEGRATION IS GOING TO LEAD
25 TO BETTER HEALTHCARE FOR THE COMMUNITY AND WILL REDUCE THE

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1 COST, NOT BY REDUCING THE SERVICES OR ELIMINATING ANY
2 CONTRACTS OR NOT WORKING WITH THE COMMUNITY, BUT IT WILL
3 REDUCE THE COST, IN MY OPINION, BECAUSE I'M NOT GOING TO BE
4 REPEATING TESTS, I'M NOT GOING TO BE GIVING MULTIPLE
5 MEDICATIONS AND I CAN TREAT THE PATIENT QUICKER AND MORE
6 EFFECTIVELY. AND ALSO IF I HAVE ONE POINT OF SERVICE, AT LEAST
7 I KNOW WHO TO TALK TO SO THE PATIENTS DON'T FALL THROUGH THE
8 CRACK, BECAUSE ONE OF THE BIGGEST PROBLEMS WE HAVE IS OUR
9 PATIENTS KEEP COMING IN AND OUT BECAUSE THERE'S NO AFTERCARE.
10 IT'S DIFFICULT TO DO IT.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP LYNN
13 KERSEY. BRUCE?

14

15 **BRUCE SALTZER:** THANK YOU. BRUCE SALTZER, REPRESENTING THE
16 COUNTY COALITION FOR AN OFFICE OF HEALTHCARE ENHANCEMENT. AN
17 UNPRECEDENTED COUNTY COALITION OF OVER 135 COMMUNITY MENTAL
18 HEALTH AND PUBLIC HEALTH ORGANIZATIONS REPRESENTING EVERY
19 MAJOR MENTAL HEALTH AND PUBLIC HEALTH STAKEHOLDER GROUP, FROM
20 THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN PUBLIC HEALTH COALITION AND THE COMMUNITY
21 HEALTH COUNCIL TO THE L.A. COUNTY CLIENT COALITION, FROM THE
22 BLACK COMMUNITY HEALTH TASKFORCE AND THE COALITION FOR HUMANE
23 IMMIGRANTS' RIGHTS TO THE LATINO MENTAL HEALTH COUNCIL IS
24 TODAY CAN ASKING YOU IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE WILL OF YOUR
25 CONSTITUENTS AND THE COMMUNITY IN SUPPORTING AN ALTERNATIVE TO

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1 CREATION OF A NEW HEALTH AGENCY. THE COALITION'S OFFICE OF
2 HEALTHCARE ENHANCEMENT IS BASED ON PRINCIPLES WITH WHICH THIS
3 BOARD JUST UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED IN RETURNING TO THE COUNTY'S
4 PRE-2007 GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE WITH EVERY NON-ELECTED
5 DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTING DIRECTLY TO THE BOARD. LET ME MAKE
6 THIS CLEAR. WITHIN A NEW HEALTH AGENCY BUREAUCRACY AS SET
7 FORTH IN THE HEALTH AGENCY REPORT, A NEW HEALTH AGENCY
8 DIRECTOR WOULD HAVE LINE AUTHORITY OVER THE HEADS OF THE THREE
9 DEPARTMENTS AND WOULD THEREFORE OVERSEE THOSE DEPARTMENTS'
10 BUDGETS AND OPERATIONS, MUTING THEIR CURRENT AUTONOMY AND THE
11 VOICES OF THEIR CLIENTS, FAMILY MEMBERS AND OTHER
12 STAKEHOLDERS. AS THESE DEPARTMENT HEADS WOULD NO LONGER BE
13 REPORTING DIRECTLY TO YOU, CREATING A NEW HEALTH AGENCY NOW
14 WOULD CLEARLY CONTRADICT YOUR BOARD'S JUST-TAKEN GOVERNANCE
15 ACTION. WE THINK THIS IS WRONG. WHERE DOES THIS BOARD APPLY TO
16 YOUR JUST-REJECTED INTERIM GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE APPLY EQUALLY
17 TO A NEW HEALTH AGENCY? AN UNNECESSARY LAYER OF MANAGEMENT,
18 INCREASED DISTANCE BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENTS AND THE BOARD AND
19 EXCESSIVE BUREAUCRACY. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE COALITION'S
20 BOARD-DIRECTED COLLABORATIVE PROBLEM SOLVING APPROACH WOULD
21 MINIMIZE THE DISTANCE BETWEEN THE THREE DEPARTMENTS AND THE
22 BOARD AND MAXIMIZE ACCOUNTABILITY TO THE BOARD AS WELL AS
23 CONSTITUENCY VOICE AND ACCESS. WE ARE PROUD OF OUR COUNTY
24 MENTAL HEALTH AND PUBLIC HEALTH SYSTEMS WHICH STAND AS MODELS
25 FOR THE REST OF THE STATE AND THE NATION. AND WE CAN THINK OF

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1 ABSOLUTELY NO JUSTIFICATION FOR EVEN CONSIDERING MOVING
2 FORWARD WITH A NEW HEALTH AGENCY BEFORE THIS MORE
3 COLLABORATIVE APPROACH IS TRIED. BETTER INTEGRATION DOES NOT
4 EQUAL A NEW HEALTH AGENCY BUREAUCRACY. ONE FINAL COMMENT,
5 SENATOR STEINBERG HAS SENT SOME COMMENTS AND I WOULD LIKE AT
6 SOME POINT TO HAVE MR. VAN HORN, HE'S ASKED TO CONVEY THOSE
7 COMMENTS DIRECTLY TO THE BOARD. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, SIR. LET ME ALSO CALL UP
10 MITCHELL-- GRAHAM MITCHELL. GRAHAM MITCHELL. YES, MA'AM.

11

12 **BETTY DANDINO:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS BETTY DANDINO, AND I
13 AM A FORMER PRESIDENT OF PACIFIC CLINICS QUALITY ASSURANCE
14 BOARD, A CONSUMER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH OFFICE OF
15 CONSUMER AND FAMILY AFFAIRS AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE LOS
16 ANGELES COUNTY CLIENT COALITION. AND NOW I AM ALSO PROUD TO BE
17 A MEMBER OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE OF THE COUNTY COALITION FOR
18 AN OFFICE OF HEALTHCARE ENHANCEMENT. WE ARE VERY SATISFIED
19 WITH OUR COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH SYSTEM AND PROUD OF ALL THAT IS
20 ACCOMPLISHED. IF YOU NEED CONFIRMATION, I SUGGEST YOU ATTEND
21 OR AT LEAST INQUIRE ABOUT THE 12TH ANNUAL STATEWIDE INTEGRATED
22 CARE CONFERENCE PUT ON BY THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH
23 WHICH WILL BE HELD AT THE UNIVERSAL CITY HILTON IN OCTOBER.
24 SOME OF THE QUESTIONS-- SOME WILL QUESTION THE ABILITY OF
25 MENTAL HEALTHCARE CLIENTS TO THINK AND SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES ON

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1 THIS ISSUE, BUT WE CAN AND WE WILL. AND WE JUST DON'T LIKE THE
2 IDEA OF A NEW HEALTH AGENCY WHERE THE MENTAL HEALTH DIRECTOR
3 WOULD BE REPORTING TO A HEALTH AGENCY DIRECTOR AND NOT
4 DIRECTLY TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. YOU KNOW WHAT, I AM NOT
5 A DOCTOR OR A POLITICIAN, BUT THIS DOESN'T SEEM VERY
6 COMPLICATED TO ME. IF THE THREE DEPARTMENT HEADS: DR.
7 SOUTHARD, CYNTHIA HARDING AND DR. KATZ JUST SAT DOWN TOGETHER
8 AND WORKED COLLABORATIVELY WITH THEIR STAKEHOLDERS, I'M PRETTY
9 CONFIDENT THEY WITH FIND A WAY TO BETTER INTEGRATE CARE
10 WITHOUT ALL OF THE DISRUPTIVE AND ALL OF THE TIME AND ENERGY
11 THAT IT WOULD TAKE TO SET UP A LARGE BUREAUCRACY.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU.

14

15 **BETTY DANDINO:** THAT'S MY TWO CENTS. [APPLAUSE.]

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** PLEASE. YES, MA'AM.

18

19 **BRITTNEY WEISSMAN:** GOOD AFTERNOON. I'M BRITTNEY WEISSMAN,
20 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF N.A.M.I. LOS ANGELES COUNTY COUNCIL,
21 HERE TODAY ON BEHALF OF THOUSANDS OF N.A.M.I. CONSUMER AND
22 FAMILY MEMBERS. ALSO ON BEHALF OF THE COALITION I WANT TO
23 EXTEND OUR THANKS TO THE BOARD FOR ALLOWING A STAKEHOLDER
24 INPUT PROCESS, AN ANALYSIS OF THE PROS AND CONS OF THE HEALTH
25 AGENCY. BASED ON THAT ANALYSIS OVER THE PAST SEVEN MONTHS,

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1 IT'S BECOME VERY CLEAR THAT ALL OF THE MAJOR MENTAL HEALTH AND
2 PUBLIC HEALTH CONSTITUENCIES ARE ALL SAYING THE SAME THING.
3 THERE IS A BETTER ALTERNATIVE FOR IMPROVED INTEGRATED CARE.
4 THIS ALTERNATIVE ESTABLISHES AN OFFICE OF HEALTHCARE
5 ENHANCEMENT TO LEAD IN THE JOINT DEVELOPMENT AND
6 IMPLEMENTATION OF A STRATEGIC PLAN FOR INTEGRATED CARE WHICH
7 HOLDS THE THREE DEPARTMENTS EQUALLY ACCOUNTABLE FOR
8 INTEGRATIVE GOALS WHILE MAINTAINING THEIR CURRENT AUTONOMY AND
9 STRONG CONSTITUENCY VOICE. NEITHER THE INITIAL IDEA OF AN
10 INTEGRATED HEALTH DEPARTMENT NOR THE ALTERNATIVE OF A
11 CONSOLIDATED HEALTH AGENCY CAME FROM THE TENS OF THOUSANDS OF
12 INDIVIDUALS AND THEIR FAMILIES WHO TODAY ARE SO WELL SERVED BY
13 THE COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH AND PUBLIC HEALTH SYSTEMS. FOR US, A
14 NEW HEALTH AGENCY MODEL HAS NOTHING TO ADD FOR CHILDREN WITH
15 SERIOUS EMOTIONAL DISTURBANCES OR ADULTS WITH SERIOUS MENTAL
16 ILLNESS. RATHER, ITS CREATION WOULD BE A DISTRACTION FROM OUR
17 CONTINUED IMPORTANT WORK OF COLLABORATIVELY IMPROVING
18 INTEGRATED CARE. IT'S COMPLETELY UNACCEPTABLE TO US THAT
19 D.M.H. COULD BECOME ONE OF ONLY TWO COUNTY DEPARTMENTS NOT
20 REPORTING DIRECTLY TO THE BOARD BUT N.A.M.I. ALSO WANTS TO
21 MAKE IT CLEAR THAT D.M.H. IS NOT JUST A COUNTY DEPARTMENT TO
22 US. IT STANDS FOR THINGS THAT DEEPLY MATTER, LIKE RECOVERY,
23 RESILIENCY AND WELLNESS. IT STANDS FOR FAMILY AND CONSUMER
24 ENGAGEMENT AND COLLABORATION. D.M.H. REPRESENTS OUR FAMILIES

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1 AND OUR LOVED ONES. WE'RE INCLUDED AND WE MATTER. THANK YOU.

2 [APPLAUSE.]

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP HERB
5 HATANAKA.

6

7 **LYNNE KERSEY:** LYNNE KERSEY, THE COUNTY COALITION FOR THE
8 OFFICE OF ENHANCEMENT AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR MATERNAL AND
9 CHILD HEALTH ACCESS. PLEASE RECONSIDER THE PROPOSAL TO
10 CONSOLIDATE THREE DEPARTMENTS WITHIN A HEALTH AGENCY. PUBLIC
11 HEALTH IN LOS ANGELES IS 39 DIVISIONS THAT CONDUCT ASSESSMENT
12 AND POLICY DEVELOPMENT IN ORDER TO PROTECT AND PROMOTE HEALTH,
13 PREVENT DISEASE AND PROLONG LIFE FOR 10 MILLION PEOPLE. THIS
14 MISSION IS VASTLY DIFFERENT FROM SEEING INDIVIDUAL PATIENTS IN
15 COUNTY HEALTH CENTERS AND CLINICS. PUBLIC HEALTH STAKEHOLDERS
16 HAVE LEGITIMATE CONCERNS THAT THE STATED EMPHASIS OF A HEALTH
17 AGENCY TO IMPROVE PATIENT-CENTERED SERVICES WILL OVERSHADOW
18 AND CURTAIL PUBLIC HEALTH INTERVENTIONS AS OCCURRED WHEN
19 PUBLIC HEALTH WAS UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES. OUR
20 WORLD RENOWNED DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH HAS CHAMPIONED
21 EFFORTS TO CHANGE OUR LANDSCAPE. THAT'S WHAT WE DO. TO
22 ENCOURAGE HEALTHY BEHAVIORS. CLEAN AIR. SAFE AND WALKABLE
23 STREETS. JOINT EFFORTS WITH THE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION TO REDUCE
24 OPIATE ADDICTION. THESE ARE D.P.H. MEASURES. THEY MUST BE
25 NIMBLE TO RESPOND TO GROWING PUBLIC HEALTH THREATS LIKE

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1 BIOTERRORISM, EBOLA AND EVEN MEASLES. THESE EFFORTS WILL
2 SUFFER IF MOVED UNDER A HEALTH AGENCY. NO ONE IS OPPOSED TO
3 INTEGRATION OR AFRAID OF DIFFERENCES OR NEW EFFORTS. THE FINAL
4 HEALTH AGENCY REPORT THOUGH ATTEMPTS TO EQUATE BENEFITS WITH
5 INTEGRATED CARE WITH THE CREATION OF A HEALTH AGENCY WITHOUT
6 ANY COMPELLING CONNECTION BETWEEN THE TWO. INTEGRATED CARE IS
7 AN IMPORTANT ISSUE OF RESOURCES AND COORDINATION THAT CAN BE
8 ADDRESSED BY YOUR BOARD WITHOUT THE ADDITIONAL BUREAUCRACY
9 CREATED BY TAKING OVER THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND
10 MENTAL HEALTH. WE SHOULD INSTEAD UTILIZE MEASURES SUGGESTED TO
11 ADDRESS THE SMALL NEXUS OF OVERLAPPING ISSUES THAT CONCERN ALL
12 THREE DEPARTMENTS. THE DRAFT REPORT SAID NEITHER THE CREATION
13 OF AN AGENCY NOR ITS STRUCTURE WILL ITSELF LEAD TO SERVICE
14 INTEGRATION AND THAT MOST IF NOT ALL OPPORTUNITIES COULD
15 TECHNICALLY BE ACHIEVED UNDER ANY ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE AND
16 WE COMPLETELY AGREE. WE RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THAT THE BOARD
17 HEED THE RECOMMENDATION OF OUR COALITION OF 135 ORGANIZATIONS
18 AS WELL AS YOUR PUBLIC HEALTH AND MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSIONS
19 AND SUPPORT A COLLABORATIVE, PROBLEM SOLVING ALTERNATIVE TO
20 THE CREATION OF A NEW COUNTY BUREAUCRACY.

21
22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP LUIS
23 GARCIA. YES, SIR.

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1 **GRAHAM MITCHELL:** HI, I AM DR. GRAHAM MITCHELL. I'M A
2 PSYCHIATRIST. I WORK FOR DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH IN TWO
3 CAPACITIES. I WORK AT TWIN TOWERS CORRECTIONAL FACILITY IN THE
4 MEN'S PROGRAM AND I ALSO WORK AT A COUNTY CONTRACT F.S.P.
5 PROGRAM IN KOREATOWN. I'M HERE TO EXPRESS MY SUPPORT FOR
6 INTEGRATION WITH D.M.H., D.H.S. AND THE PUBLIC HEALTH. MY
7 PRIMARY CONCERN AS A PSYCHIATRIST IS THE HEALTHCARE OF OUR
8 MENTAL HEALTH POPULATION. AS I'M SURE WE'RE ALL AWARE,
9 SEVERELY MENTALLY ILL PEOPLE DO HAVE DIFFICULTY FOLLOWING
10 RECOMMENDATIONS AS FAR AS HEALTHCARE, PREVENTIVE HEALTH
11 MAINTENANCE. THEY DO NOT SOMETIMES FOLLOW UP WITH A PRIMARY
12 CARE DOCTOR. AND BECAUSE OF THIS, I HAVE MANY PEOPLE COMING TO
13 CLINIC THAT HAVE EVIDENCE OF A SEVERE MEDICAL PROBLEM THAT
14 NEEDS TO BE ADDRESSED PROMPTLY OR THEIR MEDICAL PROBLEM IS THE
15 REASON THAT THEY ARE HAVING PSYCHIATRIC ISSUES. UNFORTUNATELY,
16 THERE IS NO ONE I CAN DIRECTLY REFER TO. THERE IS NO PROPER
17 COMMUNICATION WITH OUTSIDE PROVIDERS TO HAVE THIS ADDRESSED.
18 I'M DEPENDENT ON THE PATIENT WHO IS OFTEN FUNCTIONALLY
19 IMPAIRED TO EXPRESS THESE CONCERNS THEMSELVES TO THEIR PRIMARY
20 CARE PROVIDERS OR AT BEST I CAN PROVIDE A LETTER THAT EXPLAINS
21 THE PROBLEM AND I'M DEPENDING ON THE PATIENT TO PROVIDE THAT
22 TO THEIR PROVIDERS. WE DO HAVE CLINICIANS THAT TRY TO ARRANGE
23 OUTPATIENT FOLLOWUP FOR THESE PATIENTS, BUT IT OFTEN DOES NOT
24 OCCUR DUE TO COMPLIANCE ISSUES OR DUE TO SIMPLE LACK OF

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1 PROVIDERS IN THE COMMUNITY. SO, IN SHORT, AS A PSYCHIATRIST, I
2 AM EXPRESSING MY SUPPORT FOR THIS INTEGRATION. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, SIR. LET ME ALSO CALL UP
5 ROMALIS TAYLOR AND JOHN BISHOP. YES, SIR.

6

7 **HERB HATANAKA:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS DR. HERB HATANAKA.
8 I'M REPRESENTING A.B.C.O.N. AND THE COALITION. AS ETHNIC
9 MINORITY PROFESSIONALS AND COMMUNITY LEADERS REPRESENTING
10 UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES IN THIS COUNTY, WE SUPPORT HEALTH
11 INTEGRATION. HOWEVER, WE ARE TROUBLED THAT THE BOARD MOTION
12 MAKES NO MENTION OF IMPROVING THE ACCESS TO CARE AND REDUCING
13 DISPARITIES IN BEHAVIORAL AND HEALTHCARE TO OUR ETHNIC
14 COMMUNITIES THROUGH THE PROVISION OF CULTURALLY COMPETENT
15 CARE. APPARENTLY IT IS NOT A HIGH PRIORITY. IN THE REPORT IT
16 IS LISTED AMONG TWO DOZEN OTHER PRIORITIES FOR THE HEALTH
17 AGENCY. WE DO NOT AGREE WITH THE MOTION THAT MERGING,
18 SUBSUMING THE ENTIRETY OF THE THREE DEPARTMENTS UNDER A HEALTH
19 AGENCY DIRECTOR IS BEST WAY TO ACHIEVE HEALTH INTEGRATION. AS
20 A U.S.C. ADJUNCT PROFESSOR OF PLANNING AND ADMINISTRATION,
21 THIS ORGANIZATIONAL STRATEGY IS COMMONLY USED IN
22 ORGANIZATIONAL TAKEOVERS, ESPECIALLY SINCE ONE-- [APPLAUSE.] -
23 - ESPECIALLY SINCE ONE OF THE THREE DIRECTORS IS PREDETERMINED
24 TO LEAD THE HEALTH AGENCY. WHILE YOUR MOTION STATES THAT THE
25 DEPARTMENTS WILL HAVE DIRECT ACCESS TO THE BOARD, THE KEY

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1 ELEMENT OF THE OF THIS HEALTH AGENCY GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE IS
2 THAT THE THREE DEPARTMENT HEADS WOULD BE REPORTING DIRECTLY TO
3 THE AGENCY DIRECTOR, RATHER THAN DIRECTLY REPORTING TO THE
4 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. ACCORDINGLY, IT WOULD BE THE HEALTH
5 AGENCY DIRECTOR WHO WOULD HAVE THE FINAL SAY ON THE PROPOSED
6 BUDGET AND ANY RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BOARD. YOUR MOTION IS
7 MISLEADING ABOUT AGENCY GOVERNANCE. AS AN ALTERNATIVE, WE URGE
8 YOU TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE ARTICULATE REVISED GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE
9 REPORT PROVIDED TO YOU BY YOUR INTERIM C.E.O. AND WHOSE
10 RECOMMENDATIONS YOU APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY ON JULY 7TH. THIS
11 STRUCTURE CONTINUES THE DIRECT REPORTING OF THE BOARD BY ALL
12 DEPARTMENTS AND ALLOWS A STRUCTURE FOR SPECIAL PROJECTS SUCH
13 AS HEALTH INTEGRATION TO BE INCLUDED AT THE C.E.O. LEVEL AND
14 ADDRESSED. MY COLLEAGUES AND I HAVE PROPOSED AN OFFICE OF
15 HEALTHCARE ENHANCEMENT THAT IS TOTALLY CONSISTENT WITH THIS
16 REVISED GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE.

17
18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, DOCTOR. LET ME ALSO CALL UP
19 BEATRIZ NAGATANI. YES, SIR?

20
21 **LUIS GARCIA:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS LUIS
22 GARCIA. I REPRESENT THE LATINO MENTAL HEALTH COUNCIL. ALSO I
23 AM A FAMILY MEMBER WITH AN UNCLE WITH SCHIZOPHRENIA. FOR THE
24 PAST 27 YEARS, I HAVE BEEN WORKING IN THE MENTAL HEALTH SYSTEM
25 AS A CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST. I HAVE BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR

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1 IMPROVING ACCESS FOR MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT TO THE
2 UNDERSERVED, UNSERVED LATINO POPULATION IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY.
3 I CAN SAY WITHOUT HESITATION THAT MY EXPERIENCE, THE COUNTY
4 DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH HAS DONE A TREMENDOUS JOB IN
5 DEVELOPING QUALITY PROGRAMS FOR THE COUNTY UNDERREPRESENTED
6 POPULATIONS. THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH ALSO HAS DONE A
7 GREAT JOB IN REACHING OUT TO THESE POPULATIONS AS A CRITICAL
8 STAKEHOLDERS AND PROVIDING THEM WITH OPPORTUNITY FOR
9 MEANINGFUL INPUT INTO THEIR POLICIES AND PRACTICES. I HONESTLY
10 CANNOT SAY THE SAME THING ABOUT THE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT.
11 IT IS VERY CLEAR TO ME THAT LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF
12 HEALTH RUNS ONE OF THE BEST THE IF NOT THE BEST MENTAL HEALTH
13 SYSTEMS IN THE COUNTRY. COLLEAGUES AND FRIENDS FROM OUTSIDE
14 CALIFORNIA HAVE COME HERE TO LEARN ABOUT OUR PROGRAMS AND THE
15 INNOVATIONS THAT WE HAVE IN OUR SYSTEM. THESE INCLUDE ALSO OUT
16 OF THE COUNTRY DELEGATIONS FROM SPAIN, ITALY, ECUADOR, MEXICO
17 AND THREE WEEKS AGO FROM INDONESIA. WHILE WE KNOW THERE
18 CONTINUE TO BE BARRIERS TO INTEGRATE OUR HEALTH SERVICES,
19 THERE ARE ALSO TREMENDOUS COUNTY INTEGRATED PROGRAMS WHICH
20 EXIST TODAY IN WHICH DEPARTMENTAL SILOS HAVE ALREADY BEEN
21 BROKEN DOWN TO THE SERVICE LEVEL. THESE INCLUDE INTEGRATED
22 MOBILE HEALTH TEAMS, THE INTEGRATED SERVICE MANAGEMENT MODEL,
23 PROJECT 50, AND HEALTH NEIGHBORHOODS. OUR LATINO MENTAL HEALTH
24 CLIENTS, AFRICAN-AMERICANS, CAUCASIANS, ASIANS, ARMENIANS,
25 REGARDLESS THE COLOR OF THE SKIN AND THEIR FAMILIES, THEY

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1 WOULD NOT BENEFIT FROM A NEW HEALTH AGENCY BUREAUCRACY.
2 INSTEAD OF INVESTING OUR RESOURCES INTO CREATING A NEW
3 BUREAUCRACY, WE NEED TO INVEST OUR RESOURCES IN EXPANDING
4 PROGRAMS THAT WE KNOW THAT ALREADY WORK VERY WELL LIKE THESE
5 ONES THAT I JUST MENTIONED. WE NEED TO WORK BETTER TOGETHER,
6 COLLABORATE TOGETHER TO ENSURE THE BEST QUALITY CARE OF THE
7 RESIDENTS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. WE OWE TO OUR CLIENTS AND OUR
8 FAMILY MEMBERS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH AND GOD BLESS YOU ALL.

9 [APPLAUSE]

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP
12 CASSANDRA LOCH. YES, SIR.

13

14 **ROMALIS TAYLOR:** ROMALIS TAYLOR. REPRESENTING D.M.H., AFRICAN,
15 AFRICAN AMERICAN, UNDER-REPRESENTED ETHNIC GROUP. ACCORDING TO
16 FORMER COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH DIRECTOR DR. RITA KROLL IN HER
17 JUNE 2ND LETTER TO THE SUPERVISORS. HER MANY YEARS OF WORKING
18 IN HUGE ORGANIZATIONS CONVINCED HER THAT THE REAL WORK OF
19 IMPROVEMENT OCCURS AT THE STREET LEVEL, NOT AT THE TOP OF
20 BUREAUCRACIES. NO MATTER HOW APPEALING THE RHETORIC. RATHER
21 THAN FOCUS ON INTEGRATING DEPARTMENTS AND CREATING MORE
22 BUREAUCRACY, THE COUNTY SHOULD FOCUS ON BETTER WORKING
23 RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN D.M.H., D.H.S. AND D.P.H. AND THEIR
24 PROVIDERS AT THE SERVICE LEVEL WHERE THE TRUE SUCCESS OR
25 FAILURE OF BETTER CLIENT HEALTHCARE ACTUALLY OCCURS. WITHIN

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1 THIS CONTEXT, IT MUST BE POINTED OUT THAT D.M.H. HAS OVER MANY
2 YEARS BUILT CULTURALLY COMPETENT OUTREACH AND ENGAGEMENT
3 SYSTEMS, ETHNIC AND CULTURAL PARTNERSHIPS AND CONSUMER
4 ADVOCACY, SELF-ADVOCACY AND FAMILY SUPPORT MODELS TO BE
5 WELCOMING AND ENGAGING TO SERVE CHILDREN AND ADULTS WHO HAVE
6 HISTORICALLY BEEN STIGMATIZED AND REJECTED BY THE COMMUNITY.
7 THE PROPOSED HEALTH AGENCY MODEL FAILS TO PROVIDE A STRATEGIC
8 FOCUS EMBRACING THESE CRITICAL, IMPORTANT PRINCIPLES. THUS,
9 THE BIGGEST BARRIER TO BETTER INTEGRATED CARE FOR THE
10 SPECIALTY MENTAL HEALTH POPULATION THAT HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED
11 IN MENTAL HEALTH'S WORK WITH THE HEALTHCARE SYSTEM HAVE HAD
12 NOTHING TO DO WITH GOVERNANCE BUT, RATHER, WITH SUCH THINGS AS
13 PHYSICIAN BUY-IN AND LIMITED TIME AVAILABILITY TO DEVOTE TO
14 CARE, COORDINATION AND PLANNING AS WELL AS LIMITED FINANCIAL
15 RESOURCES. WORKING TO OVERCOME THESE BARRIERS AND BETTER
16 INTEGRATE CARE THROUGH A STRATEGIC PLAN APPROACH AND AN OFFICE
17 OF HEALTHCARE ENHANCEMENT MAKES MUCH MORE SENSE THAN FOCUSING
18 ON INTEGRATING GOVERNANCE OF THE THREE COUNTY DEPARTMENTS AND
19 ESTABLISHING A NEW MEGABUREAUCRACY. THANK YOU.

20
21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP MANAL
22 ABOELATA. YES, SIR.

23
24 **JOHN BISHOP:** I'M DR. JOHN BISHOP. I'M A DENTIST, FIVE YEARS
25 WORKING IN THE L.A. COUNTY JAIL SYSTEM. AND WAS THE

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1 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT FROM 2013 TO 2015.
2 BASED ON THE FEEDBACK I'M GETTING FROM MY DENTAL AND MEDICAL
3 COLLEAGUES, WE ARE DEFINITELY IN FAVOR OF THIS MERGER.
4 ACTUALLY, WE BELIEVE THAT THE NUMBER ONE BARRIER TO IMPROVING
5 OUR PATIENT CARE IN THE JAIL SYSTEM IS THE JAIL SYSTEM ITSELF
6 WE ARE CONSTANTLY BEING OVERSEEN BY NONMEDICAL CUSTODY
7 PERSONNEL WHO MAKE DECISIONS CONCERNING STAFFING, EQUIPMENT,
8 SUPPLIES AND ACCESS TO SERVICES BASED ON NONMEDICAL FACTORS.
9 AND WE RELY ON CUSTODY TO BRING US OUR PATIENTS. WE KNOW
10 CUSTODY-- THEY KNOW CUSTODY BUT HAVE NO IDEA WHAT WE DO EACH
11 AND EVERY DAY. WHEN THEY TALK TO YOU, IT'S ALL ABOUT NUMBERS
12 OR BODIES, AS THEY TERM THEM, PERIOD. THIS MERGER WOULD GIVE
13 US A BETTER OPPORTUNITY TO IMPROVE OUR SERVICES AND ACCESS TO
14 CARE AND SAVE MONEY. WE WOULD BE ABLE TO COMMUNICATE WITH
15 MEDICAL PERSONNEL WHO BETTER UNDERSTAND OUR NEEDS AS WELL AS
16 THOSE OF OUR PATIENTS. IT WILL ENABLE ALL OF OUR PROVIDERS TO
17 HAVE A BETTER OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE CONTINUITY OF CARE ONCE A
18 PATIENT IS RELEASED BY HAVING MORE COUNTY'S RESOURCES
19 AVAILABLE TO REFER TO. ENABLING US TO HIRE MORE HIGHLY
20 QUALIFIED STAFF IN A MORE EFFICIENT MANNER AND TO USE THE
21 COUNTY'S D.H.S. RESOURCES MORE EFFICIENTLY TO PROVIDE THE BEST
22 CARE FOR OUR PATIENTS INSIDE AND OUTSIDE THE JAIL SYSTEM.
23 THANK YOU.

24

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET ME ALSO CALL UP KINGSLEY HO. YES,
2 DOCTOR.

3

4 **BEATRIZ NAGATANI:** MY NAME IS BEATRIZ NAGATANI... I WORK AS AN
5 OUTPATIENT PHARMACIST FOR ABOUT SEVEN YEARS AT OLIVE VIEW-
6 U.C.L.A. HOSPITAL. I AM HERE TODAY TO SUPPORT AND GIVE YOU MY
7 PERSONAL PERSPECTIVE ON INTEGRATION OF THE DEPARTMENTS OF
8 HEALTH SERVICES, PUBLIC HEALTH AND MENTAL HEALTH. AS A PARENT,
9 I WAS DEVASTATED WHEN MY SON WAS DIAGNOSED WITH AUTISM. BUT I
10 REGAINED COMPOSURE AND TOOK DECISIVE ACTION. I ASSEMBLED A
11 TEAM. MY SON'S AUTISM TEAM INCLUDES EXPERTS SUCH AS HIS
12 PEDIATRICIAN, HIS BEHAVIORAL THERAPIST AND OTHER MEMBERS OF
13 OUR COMMUNITY. THE REASON FOR HIS SUCCESS AND IMPROVEMENT IS
14 NO DOUBT MY SON'S TEAM. WE NOW HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO
15 ASSEMBLE SUCH A TEAM BY INTEGRATING THE DEPARTMENTS OF HEALTH
16 SERVICES, PUBLIC HEALTH AND MENTAL HEALTH. WE WILL HAVE THE
17 OPPORTUNITY TO MAXIMIZE OUR COMBINED STRENGTHS TO ULTIMATELY
18 ENHANCE PATIENT CARE. THE INTEGRATED HEALTHCARE SYSTEM WILL
19 PROMOTE COMPREHENSIVE SERVICES ACROSS THE CARE CONTINUUM AND
20 PATIENT-CENTERED PHILOSOPHY. BY UNITING AND WORKING TOGETHER,
21 WE WILL STRIVE TO PROTECT AND ENHANCE THE LIVES OF THE PEOPLE
22 OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THEREFORE, IMPLEMENTATION AND OPERATION
23 OF INTEGRATED HEALTHCARE SYSTEM REQUIRES A LEADERSHIP WITH
24 VISION AS WELL AS WHO UNDERSTANDS THE ORGANIZATIONAL CULTURE,

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1 AND I THINK THAT DR. KATZ WILL BE THE RIGHT PERSON FOR THAT
2 JOB. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. PLEASE. USE YOUR HANDS.
5 YES, MA'AM.

6

7 **CASSANDRA LOCH:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS CASSANDRA LOCH,
8 PRESIDENT AND C.E.O. FOR PROTOTYPES AND BOARD MEMBER WITH
9 CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF ALCOHOL AND DRUG PROGRAM EXECUTIVE,
10 STANDING IN FOR C.A.A.E.D.P.E. PRESIDENT, AL SENELLA, AND
11 REPRESENTING 33 L.A. COUNTY MEMBER AGENCIES WHO ALL OPPOSE THE
12 CREATION OF A NEW HEALTH AGENCY. C.A.A.E.D.P.E. SUPPORTS THE
13 ALTERNATIVE MODEL TO CREATE AN OFFICE OF HEALTHCARE
14 ENHANCEMENT AND IS A MEMBER OF THE COALITION. INTEGRATED CARE
15 DOES NOT HAPPEN AT THE ADMINISTRATIVE LEVEL. IT HAPPENS AT THE
16 SERVICE LEVEL WHICH ARGUES AGAINST THE NEED FOR ANOTHER LAYER
17 OF COUNTY GOVERNMENT. WE HAVE BEEN ASKED WHY MORE AGENCIES
18 HAVEN'T MOVED FASTER TO PROVIDE INTEGRATED CARE. THE ANSWER IS
19 A LACK OF RESOURCES NOT DESIRE AND COMMITMENT. THERE ARE THREE
20 ITEMS WHICH ADDRESS RESOURCES, ARGUE AGAINST THE NEED TO
21 CREATE THE NEW HEALTH AGENCY AND WILL ENSURE THE SUCCESS OF
22 THE ALTERNATIVE MODEL. THEY ARE THE RECENTLY APPROVED FIVE
23 YEAR 1915 B MENTAL HEALTH WAIVER, THE SOON TO BE APPROVED DRUG
24 MEDI-CAL 1115 WAIVER AMENDMENT AND THE PENDING APPROVAL OF THE
25 NEW 1115 WAIVER. EACH ONE IS ALL ABOUT DRIVING INTEGRATED CARE

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1 AND IMPROVING OUTCOMES. TRUE INTEGRATION REQUIRES THAT THOSE
2 WITH EXPERTISE IN ALL AREAS HAVE AN EQUAL VOICE. THE HEALTH
3 AGENCY MODEL MARGINALIZES THE ROLES OF THOSE WHO OVERSEE
4 SUBSTANCE USE AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR INDIVIDUALS WHOSE
5 NEEDS IMPACT AND COST OUR HEALTHCARE AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE
6 SYSTEMS MORE THAN THOSE WITHOUT A CHRONIC BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
7 CONDITION. CREATING A HEALTH AGENCY WOULD SEND A MESSAGE TO
8 THOSE SUFFERING FROM THOSE DISORDERS THAT THEIR NEEDS AND
9 THOSE WHO REPRESENT THEIR NEEDS ARE NOT IMPORTANT ENOUGH TO
10 HAVE A DIRECT REPORTING RELATIONSHIP TO YOUR BOARD. PLEASE
11 GIVE THE PROPOSAL TO CREATE AN OFFICE OF HEALTH CARE
12 ENHANCEMENT AN OPPORTUNITY TO DEMONSTRATE IT CAN DRIVE THE
13 CHANGES WE ALL DESIRE AROUND INTEGRATED CARE AND IMPROVED
14 OUTCOMES. THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET ME ALSO CALL UP GUYTON COLANTUONO
17 AND REX CHENG. YES, MA'AM.

18

19 **MINAL ABOELATA:** GOOD AFTERNOON HONORABLE SUPERVISORS. MY NAME
20 IS MINAL ABOELATA. I AM MANAGING DIRECTOR AT PREVENTION
21 INSTITUTE. PREVENTION INSTITUTE IS OUR NATION'S FOCAL POINT
22 FOR EFFECTIVE PREVENTION PRACTICE. OUR CALIFORNIA OFFICES ARE
23 BASED IN LEIMERT PARK. WE WORK ON PREVENTION 24/7. WE FOCUS ON
24 POLICIES AND PRACTICES KNOWN TO IMPROVE HEALTH AND SAFETY FOR
25 THE ENTIRE POPULATION. SAFE STREETS, QUALITY SCHOOLS, GOOD

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1 JOBS, ACCESS TO HEALTHY FOODS, QUALITY PARKS, THESE CONTRIBUTE
2 MORE TO OVERALL POPULATION HEALTH THAN MOST ANYTHING THAT CAN
3 BE ACCOMPLISHED IN THE CLINIC. IN FACT, PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA
4 SAID, SIMPLY PUT IN THE ABSENCE OF A RADICAL SHIFT TOWARD
5 PREVENTION IN PUBLIC HEALTH, WE WILL NOT BE SUCCESSFUL IN
6 CONTAINING MEDICAL COSTS OR IMPROVING THE HEALTH OF THE
7 AMERICAN PEOPLE. WE HAVE BEEN DISAPPOINTED IN THE LAST EIGHT
8 MONTHS BY THE LACK OF ATTENTION TO POPULATION HEALTH AND
9 PREVENTION. THERE HAS BEEN NOTHING IN THE CONVERSATION TO
10 SUBSTANTIVELY ASSURE US THAT COMMUNITY PREVENTION AND PUBLIC
11 HEALTH SUBJECT MATTER EXPERTISE HAS BEEN INCLUDED IN THE
12 PROPOSAL BEFORE YOU. LOS ANGELES DESERVES A ROBUST VISION AND
13 PLAN FOR BUILDING HEALTHY COMMUNITIES AND PREVENTING ILLNESS
14 AND INJURY IN THE FIRST PLACE. WE RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THAT
15 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DIRECT THE CREATION OF A COMMUNITY
16 PREVENTION AND POPULATION HEALTH TASKFORCE THAT WOULD BE
17 RESPONSIBLE FOR REPORTING BACK TO THE BOARD WITH PRIORITY
18 RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PROPELLING OUR COUNTY FORWARD TOWARD
19 HEALTH EQUITY AND COMMUNITY HEALTH WITH A FOCUS ON THE
20 POPULATION AND PREVENTION FOR THE 10 MILLION RESIDENTS OF L.A.
21 COUNTY. LOS ANGELES CAN BECOME THE HEALTHIEST COUNTY IN THE
22 STATE, BUT THAT WON'T HAPPEN WITH A SOLE FOCUS ON TREATMENT,
23 SERVICES AND PATIENT CARE. WE ALSO NEED QUALITY PREVENTION.
24 THANK YOU.

25

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. YES, SIR.

2

3 **KINGSLEY HO:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS KINGSLEY HO. I'M A
4 PHARMACIST AT THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT.
5 I'VE BEEN A PHARMACIST THERE EIGHT YEARS. WE SERVE A VERY
6 IMPORTANT PATIENT POPULATION THAT'S USUALLY UNDERSERVED AND
7 FORGOTTEN. AS MY OTHER COLLEAGUES HAVE MENTIONED, THERE IS
8 CERTAIN ISSUES WITHIN THE CUSTODY ENVIRONMENT THAT IMPEDES OUR
9 PROCESS TO DELIVER QUALITY HEALTHCARE. ONE OF THE MAJOR ISSUES
10 I COME ACROSS AS A PHARMACIST IS A LIMITED FORMULARY. THAT
11 IMPACTS PATIENT CARE. IT LIMITS THE AVAILABILITY OF DRUGS
12 BASED UPON DRUG INTERACTIONS. AND THE APPROPRIATENESS FOR A
13 CERTAIN PATIENT POPULATION. WITH D.H.S. COMING IN, WE WOULD
14 HAVE ACCESS TO A GREATER, MORE DIVERSE FORMULARY, ONE THAT
15 WOULD BE UP-TO-DATE AS DOCTOR ALISHA SMITH HAD MENTIONED, ONE
16 THAT WOULD REPRESENT WHAT THE COMMUNITY AND MOST INDIVIDUALS
17 ARE CURRENTLY TAKING. RIGHT NOW WE HAVE DRUGS THAT ARE DECADES
18 OLD THAT ARE BEING USED. FURTHERMORE THE D.H.S. MERGER WOULD
19 ALLOW US TO HAVE A GREATER CONTINUITY OF CARE. WE WOULD HAVE
20 ACCESS TO OTHER MEDICAL RECORDS WHERE THESE INDIVIDUALS, MEN
21 AND WOMEN HAVE BEEN PREVIOUSLY TREATED. THAT WOULD ALLOW US TO
22 BETTER TREAT THEM KNOWING WHAT THEIR ALLERGY IS, WHAT
23 MEDICATIONS THEY ARE, WOULD HELP US IN TERMS OF OUR MISSION
24 AND GOALS. FURTHERMORE, WE WOULD HAVE LEADERSHIP THAT
25 UNDERSTANDS WHAT WE NEED AS PROFESSIONALS AND UNDERSTANDS OUR

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1 UNIQUE NEEDS COMPARED TO CURRENT ADMINISTRATION THAT MAY NOT
2 FULLY UNDERSTAND THAT. IN SUMMARY, I JUST WANT TO LET YOU KNOW
3 THAT I AM IN SUPPORT OF THE COUNTY SUPERVISORS FOR THIS
4 CREATION OF A SINGLE HEALTH AGENCY.

5

6 **GUYTON COLANTUANO:** I'D LIKE TO BEGIN FIRST WITH SAYING THANK
7 YOU FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK TODAY WITH EVERYONE. MY NAME
8 IS GUYTON COLANTUANO. I'M THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF PROJECT
9 RETURN PEER SUPPORT NETWORK. WE ARE A CONSUMER-RUN
10 ORGANIZATION IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY WITH SERVICES PROVIDED TO
11 PEOPLE WITH LIVED EXPERIENCE THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. OUR MENTAL
12 HEALTH CONSUMERS STRONGLY SHARE THE FEARS HIGHLIGHTED IN THE
13 FINAL HEALTH AGENCY REPORT THAT CLOSER INTEGRATION WITH D.H.S.
14 IN PARTICULAR WILL RESULT IN A SHIFT AWAY FROM RECOVERY TOWARD
15 MEDICALIZATION OF MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT. AND THAT IS A
16 FRIGHTENING POSSIBILITY. TO AGAIN USE THE REPORT'S OWN WORDS,
17 MANY PHYSICAL HEALTH PROVIDERS STILL MANAGE PATIENTS FIRST IN
18 THE MEDICAL FRAMEWORK AND THEN ADDRESS SOCIAL, PSYCHOSOCIAL
19 AND ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS WHEN MEDICAL INTERVENTION DOESN'T
20 YIELD THE EXPECTED RESULT. THEY OFTEN MANAGE INDIVIDUALS WITH
21 CHRONIC DISEASES WITH NARROW ATTENTION TO MEDICATIONS AND
22 LABORATORY VALUES RATHER THAN EMPHASIZING COPING MECHANISMS
23 AND SOCIAL SUPPORTS. THOSE FEARS ARE REAL TO US AS REFLECTED
24 IN ONE OF THE HEALTH AGENCY SUPPORT LETTERS FROM A DOCTOR
25 WHICH NOTED: FINALLY WE ARE GOING BACK TO THE MEDICAL MODEL OF

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1 INTEGRATED HEALTH SERVICES. I AM TRULY EXCITED TO BE PART OF
2 THE NEW AGENCY. AS RECIPIENTS OF MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, WE
3 ARE SIMPLY UNWILLING TO GO BACK TO THE DAYS OF THE MEDICAL
4 MODEL. WE HAVE SPENT DECADES MOVING THE MENTAL HEALTH SYSTEM
5 FROM THE MEDICAL MODEL AND PROFESSIONALLY DRIVEN CARE TO A
6 RECOVERY MODEL FOR ADULTS AND A RESILIENCY MODEL FOR CHILDREN.
7 WE HAVE ALSO SPENT DECADES EARNING OUR VOICE AND OUR
8 EMPOWERMENT AND OUR CREDIBILITY. WE WILL NOT ALLOW THOSE TO BE
9 LOST. WE AS MENTAL HEALTH CONSUMERS WILL CONTINUE TO FIGHT AS
10 LONG AS IT TAKES TO REJECT BECOMING SECOND CLASS CITIZENS
11 AGAIN AND TO PREVENT MENTAL HEALTH FROM BEING PLACED UNDER THE
12 SHADOW OF A NEW LARGE HEALTH AGENCY BUREAUCRACY. THANK YOU.

13 [APPLAUSE]

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, SIR. DOCTOR?

16

17 **REX CHENG:** THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS REX CHENG AND
18 I'M AN ANESTHESIOLOGIST AT HARBOR-U.C.L.A. FOR MORE THAN 20
19 YEARS. MY HOSPITAL IS ONE OF TWO MAJOR TRAUMA CENTERS FOR L.A.
20 COUNTY. I'M HERE TO SUPPORT THE COUNTY SUPERVISORS' PLAN TO
21 CREATE A SINGLE HEALTHCARE AGENCY. WE CAN PROVIDE BETTER CARE.
22 WE NEED TO PUT PATIENTS FIRST AND TAKE THE BEST CARE OF THEIR
23 PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS. LET'S NOT FORGET ABOUT OUR
24 SAFETY NET, OUR PATIENTS WHO MAY BE HOMELESS OR WHO MAY BE
25 HERE BY ALTERNATIVE MEANS OR ALSO THOSE IN OUR COUNTY JAILS.

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1 WE NEED TO MOVE FORWARD IN THIS TECHNOLOGICAL AGE AND HAVE A
2 SINGLE ELECTRONIC HEALTHCARE RECORD. A SINGLE HEALTHCARE
3 AGENCY CAN HELP PROVIDE THAT. AS AN ANESTHESIOLOGIST, I SEE MY
4 PATIENTS FOR JUST A FEW BRIEF MOMENTS BEFORE THEY HAVE THEIR
5 PROCEDURE. HOWEVER, I OFTEN HEAR OF THEIR FRUSTRATION OF THE
6 LONG WAITS TO GET THEIR OPERATION. I ALSO AM CONCERNED ABOUT
7 THEIR AFTER CARE AND WHETHER THEY GET THE APPROPRIATE SERVICES
8 AND AN INTEGRATED HEALTHCARE AGENCY CAN ASSURE THEIR ACCESS. I
9 WOULD FULLY SUPPORT DR. MITCHELL KATZ AS THE HEALTHCARE AGENCY
10 HEAD OR ANOTHER CANDIDATE OF EQUAL CALIBER. LET'S RECRUIT AND
11 RETAIN THE BEST HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS TO DELIVER THE BEST
12 CARE FOR OUR PATIENTS. THANK YOU.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, DOCTOR. LET ME SAY WE HAVE
15 120 PLUS SPEAKERS WHO HAVE SIGNED UP. IT WILL BE ONE MINUTE
16 EACH. THAT MEANS ANOTHER TWO HOURS OF TESTIMONY. IF SOMEBODY
17 HAD SIGNED UP WHO WOULD WANT TO GIVE THEIR TIME, THEIR ONE
18 MINUTE TO AN ASSOCIATE FOR TWO MINUTES, YOU CAN DO THAT. BUT
19 LET THE SERGEANT OR THE PEOPLE UP FRONT KNOW SO WE CAN MARK
20 OFF THE PERSON WHOSE PLACE YOU ARE GOING TO BE TAKING. LET ME
21 CALL UP AT THIS TIME BESSY MARTIROSYAN, JAN CUADRA. JU ZHANG.
22 AND BERNARD WEINTRAUB.

23

24 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** MR. MAYOR? I WANTED TO ENTER IN A FRIENDLY
25 AMENDMENT TO YOUR MOTION.

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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY.

3

4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** AND BASED ON WHAT WE HEARD FROM ONE OF THE
5 WITNESSES, DR. HATANAKA, TO HIS POINT, I THINK IT WAS
6 EXTREMELY IMPORTANT HOW HE POINTED OUT HOW IMPORTANT IT IS TO
7 BE MINDFUL OF DIFFERENT CULTURAL SENSITIVITIES IN CARING FOR
8 UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES, ESPECIALLY COMMUNITIES OF COLOR. AND
9 I THINK THAT WE HAVE LEARNED SOME BEST PRACTICES IN OTHER
10 AGENCIES. AND I THINK WE CAN ALL LEARN MORE FROM THAT. SO I
11 HAVE A MOTION. AND IT'S JUST VERY CLEAR. IT SAYS "ENSURING
12 THAT CULTURALLY COMPETENT AND LINGUISTIC APPROPRIATE CARE IN
13 THE HEALTH AGENCY AND ACROSS ALL THREE AGENCIES."

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** I AGREE WITH THAT AND ALL MEMBERS
16 WOULD AGREE WITH THAT SO THAT'S INCLUDED.

17

18 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** THANK YOU.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** GOOD AFTERNOON.

21

22 **BESSY MARTIROSYAN:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS BESSY
23 MARTIROSYAN. I AM PSYCHIATRIST. I WORK AT DOWNTOWN MENTAL
24 HEALTH CENTER FOR SEVEN YEARS. AND I WORK WITH THE INDIGENOUS
25 POPULATION OF PATIENTS. I THINK INTEGRATED CARE WILL BE

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1 HELPFUL FOR DELIVERING CARE TO ALL OF OUR PATIENTS BECAUSE WE
2 CANNOT DIVIDE A PERSON TO A MEDICAL CARE, PSYCHIATRIC CARE OR
3 PUBLIC NEEDS. I THINK IT WILL BE EASIER TO REFER PATIENTS TO
4 DIFFERENT SPECIALISTS TO LOOK THEIR MEDICAL RECORDS, LAB
5 RESULTS, MEDICATIONS AND THAT'S WHY I SUPPORT INTEGRATED CARE.
6 THANK YOU.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP PHANI
9 TUMU. YES, MA'AM.

10

11 **JU ZHANG:** MY NAME IS JU ZHANG. I'M A PSYCHIATRIST WORKING AT
12 D.M.H. COMPTON F.S.P. PROGRAM FOR SIX YEARS SINCE I GRADUATE
13 FROM MY RESIDENCY TRAINING PROGRAM. F.S.P. PATIENTS ARE THOSE
14 WHO SUFFER FROM SEVERE MENTAL ILLNESS AND WITH HISTORY OF
15 HOMELESSNESS, MULTI HOSPITALIZATIONS, MULTII NCARCERATIONS.
16 F.S.P. PROGRAMS REALLY DECREASE THE ABOVE PATIENTS WITH
17 HOSPITALIZATION RATE AT MENTAL HOSPITAL AND DECREASED
18 INCARCERATION RATES. BUT MOST OUR PATIENTS ALSO SUFFERING FROM
19 MEDICAL ILLNESS SUCH AS EPILEPSY, DIABETES AND CARDIOVASCULAR
20 DISEASE. WE CAN REDUCE HOSPITALIZATION RATES FOR MENTAL
21 ILLNESS.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO BEFORE WE CALL
24 BERNARD, JAN CUADRA, PHANI TUMU. RAUL MARTINEZ. ULLOA. LEE
25 NELSON. BERNARD.

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1

2 **BERNARD WEINTRAUB:** GOOD AFTERNOON. IT'S NO LONGER GOOD
3 MORNING. I'M BERNIE WEINTRAUB AND I'M HERE REPRESENTING THE
4 CALIFORNIA PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION SOUTH. WE HAVE A LARGE
5 MEMBERSHIP AND WE HAVE VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO OPPOSE THIS
6 PROPOSAL. WE FEEL THIS IS NOT GOING TO BE BENEFICIAL TO PUBLIC
7 HEALTH IN ANY WAY. ONE OF THE MAIN REASONS IS THAT WE DRAW
8 BACK ON OUR EXPERIENCES IN THE PAST WHEN THERE WAS A MERGER OF
9 PUBLIC HEALTH AND THE HOSPITAL PROGRAMS. AND I CAN REMEMBER
10 VIVIDLY THE TRANSFER OF PERSONNEL SUCH AS X-RAY TECHNICIANS
11 AND LABORATORY PHYSICIANS, LABORATORY TECHNICIANS AND THE
12 PEDIATRICIANS BEING MOVED FROM THE PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAM INTO
13 THE HOSPITAL PROGRAM. WE ARE REASSURED NOW THAT THIS WILL NOT
14 HAPPEN, BUT WE WERE REASSURED THIS SAME WAY BEFORE. AS ONE OF
15 OUR PEOPLE SAID TO US, IF IT AIN'T BROKE, DON'T FIX IT.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. ROBERT SCHOONOVER. DR.
18 ERNIE SMITH. RON SHEPPERSON. JASON SOSS. TIMOTHY O'LEARY.
19 SAHID KHAN. PEDRO ORTIZ. JEFFREY SHINNICK. JAMES MCCULLOUGH.
20 MANUEL NATIVIDAD. YOU WILL BE ALL ALONE UP THERE FOR A MINUTE,
21 ROBERT. IVA BURSE-BRIGGS. DR. CLAVREUL, GENEVIEVE. KARINA
22 SCHULMAN. NANCY MCCARTHY. FONDA TOKUSHIGE. ROBERT LUCAS.
23 MICHAEL MORELLINO. ERIK INGEBRIGSTEN. CARYN MAY. PORTILLA
24 TURNER. COREEN WOODFORD. ALLEN CHAN. OKAY, ROBERT?

25

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1 **ROBERT SCHOONOVER:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS BOB
2 SCOONOVER, PRESIDENT--

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** EXCUSE ME, YOU HAVE TWO MINUTES, BOB.
5 GRACE SANTILLAN IS GIVING YOU HER TIME. TWO MINUTES. START
6 OVER AT 2 MINUTES.

7

8 **ROBERT SCHOONOVER:** GOOD AFTERNOON, I'M BOB SCOONOVER,
9 PRESIDENT OF S.E.I.U LOCAL 721. WE REPRESENT 94,000 MEMBERS,
10 22,000 OF THEM PERFORM MANY OF THE SERVICES THAT WE HAVE SPENT
11 ALL DAY TALKING ABOUT. I SAID WHEN THIS WAS FIRST BROUGHT UP,
12 THAT IT WAS A VERY BOLD PROPOSAL AND IT NEEDED A VERY
13 THOUGHTFUL PROCESS. I CAN TELL YOU I THINK EVERYONE HAS GONE
14 THROUGH THAT PROCESS. AND I THINK-- I KNOW WE'VE TALKED TO OUR
15 MEMBERS. WE'VE ENGAGED THEM. AND THEY ARE GREATLY SUPPORTIVE
16 OF INTEGRATING THE HEALTH SYSTEM IN L.A. COUNTY. THEY ARE
17 CONCERNED AS WE ALL ARE, THEY WANT TO PROVIDE THE BEST
18 SERVICES POSSIBLE IN THE FASTEST MOST EFFICIENT WAY SO WE CAN
19 PROVIDE THE BEST HEALTHCARE TO THE MOST NEEDY IN LOS ANGELES
20 COUNTY. I DON'T THINK MANY PEOPLE WOULD DESIGN A HEALTHCARE
21 SYSTEM LIKE THIS FROM SCRATCH BECAUSE I DON'T KNOW WHAT SENSE
22 IT WOULD MAKE. THIS IS NOT ABOUT INDIVIDUALS. IT'S NOT ABOUT
23 BUREAUCRACIES. THIS IS REALLY ABOUT CARING FOR THE PEOPLE THAT
24 REALLY NEED OUR HELP, WHICH IS THE CHARGE OF THIS COUNTY. THEY
25 HAVE ALWAYS STRIVED TO DO THE BEST JOB POSSIBLE. CHANGE IS

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1 DIFFICULT. BUT WHEN YOU'RE GOING TO DO THAT, SOMETIMES THAT
2 INVOLVES CHANGE. THAT'S WHERE WE ARE TODAY. I THINK WE'VE ALL
3 BEEN THROUGH A PROCESS. AND I THINK THE RIGHT THING TO DO IS
4 APPROVE THIS TODAY FOR THOSE MOST NEEDY IN L.A. COUNTY. LET'S
5 GIVE THEM THE BEST HEALTHCARE SYSTEM WE CAN. LET'S DO IT NOW.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ALSO I WILL THANK YOU ROBERT FOR YOUR
8 LEADERSHIP AND WORKING CONSTRUCTIVELY WITH ALL FIVE MEMBERS ON
9 VARIOUS ISSUES. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

10

11 **ROBERT SCHOONOVER:** THANK YOU.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** DR. CLAVREUL. YOU HAD DR. SMITH IS
14 GIVING YOU AN EXTRA HIS MINUTE.

15

16 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** ONE OF MY DAUGHTERS GAVE ME TIME,
17 ALSO.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SO THEN YOU HAVE THREE MINUTES.

20

21 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** YOU ARE DOWN TO ONE MINUTE? YOU KNOW
22 IT IS VERY UNFAIR.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** IT'S THE VOLUME.

25

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1 **GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** ONE THING I DETEST THE MOST IS UNFAIRNESS.
2 AND WHAT YOU ARE DOING TODAY IS EXTREMELY UNFAIR. FIRST OF
3 ALL, WE SHOULD NOT EVEN BE HERE TO DISCUSS AN ILLEGAL MOTION.
4 FROM THE BEGINNING, THIS MOTION SHOULD NOT HAVE BEEN
5 PRESENTED. IT CAME OUT FROM A CLOSED SESSION. IT WAS PUT DOWN
6 OUR THROAT. EVERYTHING, ALL THE MEETINGS WE HAVE BEEN SO-
7 CALLED CONVENING HAVE NOT BEEN ADVERTISED. THEY HAVE BEEN
8 TOTALLY CONTROLLED. THIS MORNING, IT WAS A PUBLIC OPINION YOU
9 NEEDED. WE DON'T GIVE A DAMN ABOUT THE OPINION OF DR. KATZ. HE
10 ALREADY WROTE A SEVEN-PAGE LETTER. AND HE WROTE A SEVEN-PAGE
11 LETTER BEFORE IT WAS BROUGHT TO THE BOARD. AND IT TOOK ALMOST
12 AN ACT OF CONGRESS TO GET A COPY OF THAT LETTER. IT IS
13 ABOMINABLE WHAT IS GOING ON TODAY. IT IS A FARCE OF DEMOCRACY,
14 IT'S A FARCE OF FAIRNESS. THE PEOPLE WHO ARE GOING TO SUFFER
15 ARE THE PATIENTS, BECAUSE RIGHT NOW NOBODY IS LISTENING TO
16 THEM. YOU HAVE THOSE PEOPLE WHO FEEL THAT OH IF WE ALL GET
17 TOGETHER. YOU KNOW, THEY USED TO WORK TOGETHER NOW THEY ARE
18 DOING MUCH BETTER SINCE THEY DON'T WORK TOGETHER. YOU SEE, I'M
19 NOT LIKE YOU. I DID MY RESEARCH. IN 2004 AND '05 I WENT TO THE
20 GRAND JURY AND I SAID, HOW ANY COUNTY COULD RUN SUCH
21 HEALTHCARE SYSTEM, WHAT WOULD BE THE BEST MODEL? THERE ARE
22 CONSULTANT TO DO ALL OF SEARCH. TAKE HIM OUT. UNDER NO
23 CIRCUMSTANCE SHOULD MENTAL HEALTH AND PUBLIC HEALTH MERGE WITH
24 D.H.S. AND I THINK WE'RE AT THE SAME STAGE NOW. YOU HAVE A
25 D.H.S. WHO NEVER GIVE THE BUDGET OR WHEN HE GAVE SO MANY

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1 MONTHS BEHIND, YOU HAVE NO MEANING WHATSOEVER, AND THAT'S WHY
2 YOU WANT TO MERGE, BECAUSE THIS WAY YOU CAN HIDE [INAUDIBLE].
3 SO YOU'RE GOING TO END UP WITH \$7 BILLION AND OVER 30,000
4 EMPLOYEES. DO YOU KNOW WHAT? HE HAS MORE POWER HERE THAN ALL
5 OF YOU TOGETHER ELECTED. THAT'S WHAT'S SO AMAZING. AND I THINK
6 IT'S TIME PUBLIC TO REVOLT. I HOPE SOME ATTORNEY IN L.A.
7 COUNTY COME AND SUE THE LIVING DAY OUT OF-- I SHOULD SAY
8 SOMETHING ELSE BUT I'M FRENCH AND I'M POLITE. SUE THE LIVING
9 DAY OUT OF YOU FOR WHAT YOU HAVE DONE. THEY HAVE
10 MISREPRESENTED THE FACTS. THEY HAVE ILLEGALLY RUN THE MEETING.
11 THEY HAVE ILLEGALLY GIVEN REPRESENTATION. THAT'S A DISGRACE.
12 YOU HAVE THREE CONVENING FOR A COUNTY OF 10 MILLION PEOPLE.
13 THE REASON YOU HAD BEFORE IS BECAUSE I MAKE SO MUCH NOISE. IT
14 IS ASININE. AND TO SAY THAT YOU HAVE GOT THE PUBLIC OPINION.
15 NO YOU DIDN'T. YOU DON'T HAVE IT NOW AND I THINK THAT POWER
16 SHOULD BE REMOVED FROM YOU, PERIOD. [APPLAUSE]

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. PLEASE. LET ME ALSO CALL UP
19 ROSANA LA FIANZA. HELEN OGUN-BURAIMOH. SARAH HERREL. JENNIFER
20 BRADLEY. SANDHYA RADHAKRISHAN. LARRY GASCO? RUBEN SORIANO. YES,
21 MA'AM.

22

23 **COREEN WOODFORD:** GOOD AFTERNOON. I'M COREEN WOODFORD, A
24 PHARMACIST AT OLIVE VIEW-U.C.L.A. MEDICAL CENTER OUTPATIENT
25 PHARMACY. AND I'M HERE TODAY TO EXPRESS MY SUPPORT FOR BOTH

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1 DR. KATZ AND THE PROPOSED INTEGRATION OF D.H.S. AND THE
2 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND PUBLIC HEALTH AND MENTAL HEALTH. AS
3 PHARMACISTS, WE MUST EVALUATE SEVERAL ASPECTS OF EVERY
4 MEDICATION PRESCRIBED FOR OUR PATIENTS. BUT WITHOUT THE
5 INTEGRATION OF ALL OF THE COUNTY DEPARTMENTS, IT IS POSSIBLE
6 WE ARE ONLY ABLE TO ACCESS 25 PERCENT OF EACH PATIENT'S
7 MEDICAL HISTORY. HOWEVER, WITH THE INTEGRATION, WE WOULD HAVE
8 ACCESS TO 100 PERCENT OF EACH PATIENT'S MEDICATION HISTORY,
9 SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASING OUR ABILITY TO PROVIDE OUR PATIENTS
10 THE BEST POSSIBLE CARE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP WENDY
13 CARPENTER. LAWRENCE REYES. YES, SIR.

14

15 **ALLEN CHAN:** HI, I AM ALLEN CHAN, A PHARMACIST OVER AT L.A.
16 COUNTY U.S.C. MED CENTER FOR OVER 30 YEARS. AND THE LAST 18
17 YEARS I HAVE BEEN THE OUTPATIENT SETTING PHARMACIST OF THE
18 CONSULTATION PHARMACIST. I DO SUPPORT THE FAVORED INTEGRATION
19 OF A SINGLE HEALTH ENTITY. I THINK IT WILL GIVE GREATER
20 CONTINUITY OF CARE. THROUGH THE YEARS, I HAVE TURNED AWAY MANY
21 PATIENTS THAT TURN IN PRESCRIPTIONS FROM MENTAL HEALTH, FROM
22 JAIL WARDS, FROM OTHER PRIVATE HOSPITALS, AND THE PATIENTS ARE
23 FRUSTRATED AND ANGRY. AND THEY SAID THEY WERE TOLD THAT THEY
24 COULD FILL THE PRESCRIPTION AT L.A.C.+U.S.C. INTEGRATION
25 PROVIDES A STREAMLINING EFFECT OF GETTING APPOINTMENT

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1 REFERRALS AND FOLLOW UPS AND CLINICS INSTEAD OF INUNDATING OUR
2 EMERGENCY ROOM URGENT CARE SYSTEM. IT MAKES NO SENSE NOT TO
3 HAVE FOLLOW UP CARE FOR THESE PATIENTS. THEREFORE, WITH THE
4 INTEGRATION, I CAN SEE TWO THINGS. ONCE AS A CLINICIAN OVERALL
5 CARE AND VISITS IN THE DIFFERENT AREAS, I CAN SEE AND
6 COORDINATE AND, TWO, IT BECOMES A BETTER SAFETY NET THAT IS
7 COHESIVE AND MORE COMPASSIONATE FOR THE PATIENT AS LONG AS
8 THERE'S NOT MORE RED TAPE. THANK YOU.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. CARL POPULOUS. PATRICIA
11 EDWARDS. YES, MA'AM.

12

13 **JENNIFER BRADLEY:** HELLO. MY NAME IS JENNIFER BRADLEY, AND I'M
14 A PHARMACIST AT MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. OUTPATIENT CENTER FOR
15 18 YEARS. WE HAVE A BEAUTIFUL NEW CAMPUS AROUND THE OUTPATIENT
16 CENTER WHERE I WORK. IT IS A PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT OR
17 CLINIC THERE. THERE'S A MENTAL HEALTH URGENT CARE. THERE IS
18 THE OUTPATIENT CENTER WHICH IS D.H.S. AND THERE'S ALSO A NEW
19 COMMUNITY HOSPITAL. IN THE PATIENT'S MINDS, THE SYSTEM IS
20 INTEGRATED. WHEN THEY COME TO ME, THEY WANT TO KNOW WHERE TO
21 GO TO GET THEIR VACCINES. I SHOULD BE ABLE TO DIRECT THEM OR
22 EVEN HELP THEM SET UP THE APPOINTMENT. THEY COME FROM THE
23 MENTAL HEALTH URGENT CARE WANTING ME TO FILL THE PRESCRIPTION
24 AT THE OUTPATIENT CENTER PHARMACY. AND UNDER THE CURRENT
25 SYSTEM, THERE IS NO CONNECTION BETWEEN OUR DEPARTMENT AND

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1 MENTAL HEALTH. IT MAKES PERFECT SENSE FOR THE SYSTEM TO BE
2 INTEGRATED FROM THE PATIENT'S PERSPECTIVE. IT PROVIDES A
3 BETTER SERVICE. IT'S EASIER FOR THEM TO GET THE SERVICE FROM
4 PEOPLE WHO KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON. THANK YOU.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, MA'AM. DOCTOR. YES, MA'AM.

7

8 **ROSANA LA FIANZA:** MY NAME IS ROSANA LA FIANZA. I WORK FOR
9 CONTRACT PROVIDER FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH. AND AS
10 WELL AS MANY PEOPLE HAVE SPOKEN TODAY, I ALSO AM IN FAVOR OF
11 INTEGRATION, BUT I DON'T THINK THIS IS THE RIGHT WAY TO DO IT.
12 AND I HAVEN'T HEARD ANYTHING IN THE PROPOSAL THAT TELLS US HOW
13 ACCESS TO CARE WILL BE BETTER. ALTHOUGH WE HEARD FROM THE
14 PRESIDENT OF S.E.I.U. THAT HE IS IN FAVOR OF THIS PLAN, I'D
15 LIKE TO QUOTE FROM THEIR POSITION PAPER ON THIS ISSUE WHERE
16 THEY SAID, "ONLY 34 PERCENT OF THE LINE STAFF IN THEIR OWN
17 ORGANIZATION FELT THAT THIS PLAN WOULD ACTUALLY MAKE ACCESS TO
18 CARE BETTER." I THINK THAT SPEAKS VOLUMES.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, MA'AM. [APPLAUSE] DOCTOR?

21

22 **HELEN OGUN-BURAIMOH:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS
23 HELEN OGUN-BURAIMOH AND I WORK AT [INAUDIBLE] COMPREHENSIVE
24 HEALTH CENTER. I'VE BEEN WORKING FOR THE COUNTY FOR THE PAST
25 22 YEARS. AND DURING THE COURSE OF MY EMPLOYMENT, I HAVE COME

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1 TO SEE PATIENTS THAT COME IN FOR PUBLIC HEALTH WHO USED TO
2 HAVE A PUBLIC HEALTH FACILITY, A CLINIC BUILDING AND ALL OF A
3 SUDDEN IT'S GONE. I SEE PATIENTS COMING AND THEY WANT TO KNOW
4 WHERE TO GO FOR VACCINATION. WE HAVE TO SEND THEM SOMEWHERE
5 ELSE. SO I BELIEVE IF YOU HAVE ALL THIS UNDER ONE HOUSE, THE
6 PATIENTS WILL NOT HAVE TO BE GOING AROUND RIDING BUSES, SOME
7 OF THEM THAT CANNOT EVEN AMBULATE VERY WELL. AND ALSO FROM A
8 PERSONAL EXPERIENCE, I HAVE A PERSONAL FRIEND WHO HAD MENTAL
9 ISSUES. WE MADE AN APPOINTMENT FOR HER TO SEE A PSYCHIATRIST.
10 THE MINUTE SHE KNEW SHE WAS GOING TO SEE A PSYCHIATRIST, SHE
11 TOOK OFF RUNNING. SO IF YOU HAVE THIS INTEGRATED CARE WHEREBY
12 THE REGULAR INTERNAL MEDICINE DOCTORS CAN SEE THE PATIENT WHO
13 HAVE MENTAL ISSUES, THEY WILL BE ABLE TO REFER THEM AND THE
14 PATIENT CAN GET THE TREATMENT THAT THEY NEED WITHOUT HAVING TO
15 GO ALL OVER THE PLACE.

16
17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, DOCTOR. YES, MA'AM.

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19 **SANDHYA RADHAKRISHAN:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS SANDHYA
20 RADHAKRISHAN AND I HAVE BEEN IN INPATIENT PHARMACY AT L.A.
21 COUNTY U.S.C. MEDICAL CENTER FOR ABOUT THE LAST 10 YEARS NOW.
22 I JUST WANTED TO SHOW MY SUPPORT TODAY FOR THE PLAN TO
23 INTEGRATE THE VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS INTO A SINGLE AGENCY. I FELL
24 THAT NOT ONLY WILL IT OFFER BETTER COMMUNICATION BETWEEN
25 PROVIDERS, A SINGLE ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORD SYSTEM WILL

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1 ENSURE A HIGHER QUALITY OF PATIENT CARE. BY BEING ABLE TO MORE
2 EASILY ACCESS THINGS LIKE PATIENT'S MEDICATION HISTORY,
3 MEDICAL RECORDS AND LAB RESULTS, THIS WILL HELP TO NOT ONLY
4 SAVE TIME BUT TO MINIMIZE MEDICATION ERROR AND POSSIBLE
5 HOSPITAL RE-ADMISSION, WHICH WE SEE A LOT OF AT L.A. COUNTY
6 U.S.C. AND ULTIMATELY OPTIMIZING THESE GOALS OF CARE FOR THE
7 PATIENT IS THE FOREMOST IMPORTANT THING FOR ALL HEALTHCARE
8 PROVIDERS. THANK YOU.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. YES, SIR.

11

12 **RUBEN SORIANO:** YES, MY NAME IS RUBEN SORIANO AND I'M A
13 PHARMACIST OVER AT ROYBAL COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH CENTER AND I'M
14 HERE TO REPRESENT MYSELF AS FAR AS MY FELLOW COWORKERS IN
15 SUPPORT OF THE CREATION OF A HEALTHCARE SERVICE AGENCY. AS A
16 PHARMACIST, WE ARE FOR PATIENTS WHO ARE GIVEN PRESCRIPTIONS
17 FROM D.H.S. PHYSICIANS AND WE ARE THE EXPERTS IN DRUG
18 INTERACTIONS. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE KNOW ALL THE MEDICATIONS
19 THAT PATIENTS ARE PRESCRIBED. CURRENTLY WE DO NOT KNOW WHAT
20 PRESCRIPTIONS THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH PSYCHIATRISTS OR
21 PUBLIC HEALTH PHYSICIANS PRESCRIBE EVEN THOUGH WE ALL WORK IN
22 THE SAME COUNTY. WE ARE ASKING THAT YOU FIX THIS BY CREATING A
23 HEALTH SERVICE AGENCY WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY TO RESOLVE THESE
24 ISSUES. I ALSO HAVE A PETITION HERE FOR MY FELLOW CO-WORKER TO
25 SIGN. AND I'M HOPEFUL YOU PICK DR. KATZ TO LEAD THIS AGENCY.

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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** GIVE THE PETITION TO THE SERGEANT AND
3 THAT CAN BE PART OF THE RECORD. THE SERGEANT WILL TAKE THE
4 PETITION. THANK YOU, SIR. YES, DOCTOR.

5

6 **NANCY MCCARTHY:** I'M DR. NANCY MCCARTHY. I'M A RESIDENT OF LONG
7 BEACH AND A D.M.H. PSYCHIATRIST AT LONG BEACH MENTAL HEALTH
8 CENTER. I'VE BEEN WITH THE DEPARTMENT FOUR YEARS. FOR TWO OF
9 THOSE YEARS I WAS COLLOCATED IN A PRIMARY CLINIC ON SKID ROW
10 RUN BY THE J.W.C.H. INSTITUTE. IN THAT ENVIRONMENT, MY
11 PATIENTS GOT GOOD COMPREHENSIVE HEALTHCARE. I HAD A LADY WITH
12 DIABETES. I WAS TREATING HER FOR DEPRESSION, SHE DEVELOPED
13 SYMPTOMS THAT I PICKED UP AS SYMPTOMS OF CARDIOVASCULAR
14 DISEASE. I WAS ABLE TO GET HER PLUGGED INTO CARE ALMOST
15 IMMEDIATELY. THE PROVIDERS COULDASK FOR MY INPUT WHEN THEY HAD
16 QUESTIONS ABOUT TREATING DEPRESSION IN THEIR PATIENTS. I VERY
17 STRONGLY SUPPORT THE SUPERVISORS' PLAN FOR AN UMBRELLA
18 HEALTHCARE AGENCY, COORDINATING THE CARE OF THE WHOLE PERSON
19 AMONG THE SERVICES OF THE THREE DISTINCT AGENCIES. MY
20 PATIENTS, MY D.M.H. PATIENTS, HAVE A CURRENT LIFE EXPECTANCY
21 20 YEARS LESS THAN ANYBODY IN THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE THAT IS
22 NOT ACCEPTABLE. I STRONGLY SUPPORT THE AGENCY OVERALL.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, MA'AM. YES, SIR.

25

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1 **LARRY GLASGOW:** MY NAME IS LARRY GLASGOW AND LAST TIME I WAS
2 HERE, YOU GUYS SAID YOU WASN'T GOING TO COMBINE EVERYBODY. NOW
3 I'M BACK AGAIN AND YOU GUYS SAID YOU WANT TO COMBINE EVERYBODY
4 AND I'M TOTALLY AGAINST IT. I'M WITH THE VICTORY WELLNESS
5 CENTER IN SAN FERNANDO VALLEY. I'VE BEEN WITH THIS PROGRAM FOR
6 10 YEARS. AND IT'S A GOOD PROGRAM. IF IT WASN'T, I WOULDN'T BE
7 THERE. AND I'M HERE TO STAND AGAINST COMBINING THE PROGRAMS.
8 LIKE THE OTHER GENTLEMAN SAID IF IT'S NOT BROKE, DON'T FIX IT.
9 THANK YOU.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, SIR. [APPLAUSE.] LET ME
12 ALSO CALL UP JENNIFER YIH, ROXANNE MONTGOMERY, STEPHEN DUPREE.
13 YES, SIR.

14

15 **LARY GASCO:** WE MAY HAVE A LITTLE BIT OF CONFUSION HERE, I'M
16 LARRY GASCO. I'M THE CHAIR OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY MENTAL
17 HEALTH COMMISSION, YOUR COMMISSION. AND I THANK YOU VERY MUCH,
18 MR. MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO
19 SPEAK. I WANTE TO OPPOSE ANY ACTION AT THIS TIME OF THE
20 CREATION OF A HEALTH AGENCY. I THINK THE FIRST STEP REALLY IS
21 TO DEVELOP A STRATEGIC PLAN FOR INTEGRATED HEALTHCARE
22 SERVICES. IT'S REALLY OUT OF ORDER. THE STEP PROBABLY SHOULD
23 HAVE BEEN TAKEN PRIOR TO JANUARY 13TH WHEN THE INITIAL MOTION
24 WAS MADE. IT IS IMPORTANT I THINK JUST FROM THE DISCUSSION
25 THAT WE HAD EARLIER TODAY BY THE THREE DEPARTMENT HEADS,

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1 THERE'S A LOT OF ISSUES THAT HAVE TO BE CLARIFIED, A LOT OF
2 ISSUES THAT HAVE TO BE DISCUSSED PRIOR TO ANY ACTION OF ANY
3 SORT. AND SO WITH THAT, I'D LIKE TO AGAIN SUGGEST THAT WE
4 RECOMMEND STRONGLY THAT YOU DEVELOP A LEADERSHIP TEAM
5 INCLUDING THE VERY CAPABLE DIRECTORS OF HEALTH SERVICES,
6 MENTAL HEALTH AND PUBLIC HEALTH AND ALSO REPRESENTATIVES FROM
7 THE RESPECTIVE COMMISSIONS. IT'S VERY, VERY IMPORTANT THAT WE
8 REALLY DO THIS CORRECTLY. AND THIS IS NOT THE WAY OF DOING IT.
9 I THINK THAT AS YOU HEARD THAT, BUT THE MOST MOVING TESTIMONY
10 AS FAR AS I'M CONCERNED WAS THAT OF THE THREE DIRECTORS. AS
11 YOU COULD SEE BEFORE YOU, IT'S VERY, VERY DIFFERENT VIEWS THAT
12 JUST HAVE TO BE CLARIFIED BEFORE MOVING FORWARD.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU.

15

16 **LARRY GASCO:** THERE HAVE BEEN A LOT OF ISSUES TALKING ABOUT--

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, DOCTOR. THANK YOU. YES,
19 SIR.

20

21 **LARRY GASCO:** THANK YOU.

22

23 **LAWRENCE REYES:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS
24 LAWRENCE REYES. AND I AM A COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH WORKER AT
25 THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND CHAIR OF THE INTEGRATION

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1 TASKFORCE FOR S.E.I.U.721. AFTER CONDUCTING SIX TOWN HALL
2 MEETINGS, SURVEYING OUR MEMBERS, MEETING WITH KEY STAKEHOLDERS
3 AND CONVENING OUR OWN INTERNAL INTEGRATION TASKFORCE, WE
4 AGREED WITH THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS THAT THERE IS A NEED TO
5 IMPROVE THE INTEGRATION AND COORDINATION OF SERVICES BETWEEN
6 D.M.H., D.H.S. AND D.P.H. I JUST HOPE A PREDETERMINED
7 SELECTION HAS NOT BEEN MADE AS TO WHO'S GOING TO LEAD THAT. AS
8 SUBSTANCE ABUSE COUNSELOR IN D.M.H., I CAN TELL YOU THAT THE
9 WORK WE DO IN MENTAL HEALTH IS CRITICAL TO THE MOST VULNERABLE
10 OF CLIENTS AND COMMUNITIES. THE CURRENT SYSTEM POSES
11 SIGNIFICANT CHALLENGES FOR CLIENTS, PATIENTS AND COMMUNITIES
12 ASSESSING CARE. MY HOPE IS THAT THIS, YOUR BOARD, WILL MOVE TO
13 CREATE MECHANISMS AND CREATE CRITICAL COLLABORATION NECESSARY
14 WITH MENTAL ILLNESS OR MENTAL HEALTH CHALLENGES IN OUR
15 COMMUNITY BY ENSURING THAT D.M.H., D.P.H. AND D.H.S. ENGAGE IN
16 COORDINATING CARE FROM A PLACE OF MUTUAL RESPECT, RESPECT FOR
17 THEIR RESPECTIVE MISSIONS AND MANDATES, RESPECT FOR
18 INSTITUTIONAL KNOWLEDGE AND ORGANIZATIONAL EXPERTISE IS
19 PARAMOUNT. INTEGRATION MUST FORCE THE COLLABORATION AND EQUITY
20 AMONG DEPARTMENTS BY COLLABORATING TOGETHER. I BELIEVE WE CAN
21 DO THIS.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP KAREN
24 MACEDONIO. LARRY GLASGOW. ALREADY SPOKE. MARIKO KAHN. BRIAN
25 BRONSON. THOMAS WONG. YES, MA'AM.

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1

2 **JENNIFER YIH:** GOOD AFTERNOON, EVERYBODY. MY NAME'S JENNIFER
3 YIH. I'M A CLINICAL PHARMACIST WORKING AT THE HARBOR-U.C.L.A.
4 MEDICAL CENTERS. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES IS L.A. COUNTY
5 HEALTH NET SYSTEMS, NOT LIKE PRIVATE OR EVEN NONPROFIT
6 HEALTHCARE INSTITUTION. D.H.S. NEVER DENY ANY PATIENT CARE DUE
7 TO HIS OR HER INSURANCE STATUS. BY INTEGRATING DEPARTMENT OF
8 MENTAL HEALTH, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, DEPARTMENT MEDICAL
9 SERVICES AND D.H.S., WE CAN PROVIDE MORE COMPREHENSIVE CARE TO
10 OUR PATIENTS ESPECIALLY FOR THOSE WHO MAY NOT BE ACCEPTED BY
11 OTHER HEALTH SYSTEMS. AS A RENAL TRANSPLANT PHARMACIST, I
12 WOULD LIKE TO SEE MORE PATIENTS WHO HAVE ACCESS TO BE ABLE TO
13 RECEIVE KIDNEY TRANSPLANTS OR DONATE KIDNEYS TO THEIR LOVED
14 ONES. THEREFORE, I COME DOWN HERE. I SUPPORT INTEGRATION OF
15 DEPARTMENTS. I ALSO HAVE THE PETITION FROM MY COLLEAGUES.
16 THANK YOU, EVERYBODY.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. WE'LL TAKE THAT. THANK YOU,
19 MA'AM. MR. LUCAS.

20

21 **ROBERT LUCAS:** GOOD AFTERNOON ONCE AGAIN. YOU KNOW, I HEAR A
22 LOT OF EDUCATED COMMUNICATION, A LOT OF INTELLIGENCE. BUT WHAT
23 I DON'T HEAR IS A LOT OF COMMON SENSE. I'VE INTERACTED AND
24 WORKED WITH EVERY INDIVIDUAL IN EACH DEPARTMENT THAT YOU'RE
25 REFERRING TO IN A THERAPEUTIC GROUP ENVIRONMENT OVER THE LAST

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1 THREE YEARS. SOME IN JAIL. SOME IN SOCIETY AND SOME ON THE
2 STREETS. THE FACT OF THE MATTER IS YOU PUT ALL OF THESE THREE
3 PEOPLE TOGETHER IN A THERAPEUTIC ENVIRONMENT, IT'S NOT GOING
4 TO GO WELL. YOU HAVE PEOPLE WHO NEED MEDICATION. YOU HAVE
5 PEOPLE WITH PSYCHIATRIC ISSUES THAT NEED MEDICATION. VALIDLY.
6 NOT MANIPULATING THE SYSTEM SO THEY CAN CHANGE THE WAY THEY
7 FEEL. THEN YOU HAVE PEOPLE WITH BEHAVIORAL ISSUES WHO HAVE
8 ISSUE WITH EVERYBODY IN THE ROOM. I'VE SHARED SOME OF THIS
9 ENERGY WITH YOU. YOU KNOW WHAT IT IS. THESE PEOPLE ARE NOT
10 PREPARED TO HANDLE THAT ENERGY IN THE JAIL OR IN THE
11 COMMUNITY.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, MR. LUCAS. YES, SIR.

14

15 **RICHARD VAN HORN:** RICHARD VAN HORN SPEAKING FOR DARRELL
16 STEINBERG.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** RIGHT, WE HAVE THAT. YOU HAVE TWO
19 MINUTES.

20

21 **RICHARD VAN HORN:** I HAVE TWO MINUTES, RIGHT. DEAR HONORABLE
22 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, I AM WRITING TO EXPRESS MY
23 RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING YOUR IMPORTANT DECISION REGARDING
24 PLACING THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH UNDER A NEW HEALTH
25 AGENCY. THE VISION OF BETTER INTEGRATING PHYSICAL AND MENTAL

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1 HEALTHCARE IS OBVIOUSLY THE RIGHT VISION. BUT THEN HE TALKS
2 ABOUT IMPLEMENTATION AND HE HAS FIVE SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS.
3 ATTACHED ACCORDING ANY MONUMENTAL DECISION TO STRUCTURALLY
4 INTEGRATE MENTAL HEALTH WITH PHYSICAL HEALTH MUST INCLUDE THE
5 FOLLOWING IMPERATIVES. THE NEW AGENCY DIRECTOR SHOULD BE
6 SEPARATE AND DISTINCT FROM THE DIRECTORS OF THE THREE
7 CONSTITUENT DEPARTMENTS. EACH OF THE LEADERSHIP POSITIONS
8 REQUIRES THE FULL-TIME ATTENTION OF EACH LEADER. TWO, THE
9 COUNTY MUST REQUIRE THAT ITS HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS ON THE
10 PHYSICAL HEALTH SIDE RECEIVE CONSISTENT AND ONGOING TRAINING
11 IF WE ARE TO DEVELOP TRULY RECOVERY AND RESILIENCY-ORIENTED
12 MODEL. 3, ENHANCED COMMITMENT TO LINKAGE, NAVIGATION AND
13 CONTINUITY OF CARE FROM JAILS, EMERGENCY ROOMS AND HOMELESS
14 PROGRAMS. 4, AN ENHANCED COMMITMENT TO PUBLICLY REPORTING
15 OUTCOMES FROM THE STATE AND COUNTY'S MENTAL HEALTH INVESTMENTS
16 IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SHOULD HOLD AN
17 ANNUAL PUBLIC HEARING REVIEWING THE INVESTMENTS' IMPACTS ON
18 HOMELESSNESS, PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITALIZATIONS AND OTHER BENEFITS
19 OF INTEGRATED CARE. 5, A COMMITMENT BY THE BOARD TO TAKE THE
20 CASE FOR MORE MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES TO THE GOVERNOR AND
21 STATE LEGISLATURE, REPORTING THE OUTCOMES REGULARLY WILL TELL
22 THE PUBLIC WHAT WORKS. WE ALL RECOGNIZE THAT EVEN WITH PROGRAM
23 INDIVIDUAL SUCCESS, HUGE GAPS REMAIN. THE COUNTY SHOULD INSIST
24 THAT THE STATE MAKE MENTAL HEALTH IN SCHOOLS, HEALTHCARE,
25 PUBLIC SAFETY AND THROUGHOUT OUR COMMUNITIES A REAL BUDGET AND

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1 POLICY PRIORITY. IT RARELY IS A PRIORITY. YOU HAVE THE STATURE
2 AND ABILITY TO HELP CHANGE THAT HISTORY. THANK YOU FOR YOUR
3 CONSIDERATION OF THESE COMMENTS, SIGNED DARRELL STEINBERG. AS
4 YOU'LL ALL RECALL, DARRELL STEINBERG WROTE THE MENTAL HEALTH
5 SERVICES ACT AND L.A. COUNTY HAS RECEIVED HUNDREDS UPON
6 HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS AS A RESULT OF HIS WORK. THANK
7 YOU.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU MR. VAN HORN. WILLIAM
10 MCCARTHY. JOY DELVALLE. BRIAN KIM. REGINALD ZANDERES.

11

12 **BRIAN BRONSON:** GOOD DAY, MY NAME IS BRIAN BRONSON. I AM THE
13 ADVOCACY CHAIR FOR N.A.M.I. SAN FERNANDO VALLEY. I AM ALSO A
14 CONSUMER. BASED ON THE STAKEHOLDER INPUT PROCESS AND ANALYSIS
15 OF THE PROPOSED HEALTH AGENCY MODEL OVER THE PAST SIX MONTHS
16 IT HAS BECOME VERY CLEAR TO ALL THE MAJOR MENTAL HEALTH,
17 SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER AND PUBLIC HEALTH CONSTITUENCIES IN THE
18 COUNTY ARE IN AGREEMENT. THERE IS A BETTER ALTERNATIVE MODEL
19 FOR IMPROVED INTEGRATIVE HEALTHCARE. THIS IS A MODEL WHICH
20 FOCUSES ON A COLLABORATIVE PROBLEM SOLVING APPROACH TO JOINTLY
21 DEVELOPING AND IMPLEMENTING A STRATEGIC PLAN FOR INTEGRATED
22 CARE WHICH HOLDS THE LEADERSHIP OF THE THREE DEPARTMENTS
23 EQUALLY ACCOUNTABLE TO ACHIEVE SPECIFIC INTEGRATED GOALS WHILE
24 MAINTAINING THE CURRENT AUTONOMY AND STRONG CONSTITUENCY VOICE
25 OF EACH DEPARTMENT. IN CONCLUSION, IT IS THE POSITION OF

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1 N.A.M.I. SAN FERNANDO VALLEY THAT D.M.H., D.H.S. AND D.P.H.
2 SHOULD REMAIN SEPARATE AGENCIES. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND
3 ATTENTION.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, SIR. YES, MA'AM.

6

7 **MARIKO KAHN:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MARIKO KAHN. I'M THE EXECUTIVE
8 DIRECTOR OF PACIFIC ASIAN COUNSELING SERVICES AND A BOARD
9 MEMBER OF A.P.C.O.N. I'M HERE OF COURSE, AS YOU PROBABLY HAVE
10 GUESSED, TO SPEAK IN OPPOSITION TO THE HEALTH AGENCY. I JUST
11 WANTED TO POINT OUT THAT I AM OVERAWED BY THE NUMBER OF WHITE
12 COATS IN THE AUDIENCE. TO ME THAT IS A SUBTLE HINT AGAIN OF
13 HOW THE MEDICAL PROFESSION IMPOSES ITSELF ON PEOPLE. SO JUST
14 KEEP THAT IN MIND. [APPLAUSE.] I WANTED TO SAY THAT WE SUPPORT
15 INTEGRATION. I'VE BEEN WORKING WITH INTEGRATED CARE NOW FOR
16 THREE YEARS. IT'S DIFFICULT. AND I DON'T THINK ADDING ANOTHER
17 LAYER OF BUREAUCRACY IS GOING TO SOLVE THAT PROBLEM. I THINK
18 IT'S A MYTH THAT BY COMBINING, WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A HEALTH
19 RECORD. I'VE BEEN WORKING ON THAT FOR WITH THE YEARS, AND WE
20 STILL HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO ACCOMPLISH THAT. THERE ARE
21 FEDERAL, COUNTY AND STATE REGULATIONS THAT WILL SUPERSEDE ANY
22 ATTEMPT TO INTEGRATE SERVICES UNLESS IT'S VERY WELL THOUGHT
23 OUT. SO I HOPE THE BOARD WILL OPPOSE THE MOTION. THANK YOU.

24

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP HELEN
2 JOHNSTON. RASHMIKANT PATEL. ALICE TO. JAMECCA MARSHALL. CHRIS
3 CAMALLERI.

4

5 **WILLIAM MCCARTHY:** MY NAME IS WILLIE MCCARTHY. I'M PROFESSOR OF
6 PUBLIC HEALTH AT U.C.L.A. WHERE I'VE WORKED FOR OVER 30 YEARS.
7 IN THE MID 1980S, NOT A SINGLE ONE OF THE D.H.S. 20,000
8 EMPLOYEES WERE DEDICATED TO TOBACCO CONTROL DESPITE TWO
9 PREVIOUS DECADES OF SURGEON GENERAL REPORTS SHOWING 300,000
10 AMERICAN PREMATURE DEATHS EACH YEAR BECAUSE OF TOBACCO USE.
11 TOBACCO CONTROL IS CLEARLY NOT A PRIORITY WHEN D.H.S.
12 MANAGEMENT HAD TOO FEW RESOURCES TO ADDRESS URGENT AND
13 EXPENSIVE CURATIVE CARE NEEDS. VOTER PASSAGE OF PROPOSITION 99
14 IN 1988 CHANGED THIS BY RAISING THE STATE TAX ON CIGARETTES
15 AND DEDICATING 20 PERCENT OF THE INCREASED REVENUES TO TOBACCO
16 CONTROL. THE RESULT WAS A LOT MORE RESOURCES THAT THE COUNTY
17 COULD USE TO REDUCE TOBACCO USE. THEY DID SO, SO SUCCESSFULLY
18 ESPECIALLY WHEN THE DEPARTMENT WAS AUTONOMOUS. THEY DECREASED
19 BY THOUSANDS THE NUMBER OF DEATHS ATTRIBUTABLE TO TOBACCO AND
20 SAVED \$30 BILLION OVER THAT PERIOD.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. YOU HAVE ALL NONSMOKERS AT
23 THIS BOARD.

24

25 **WILLIAM MCCARTHY:** GOOD. GLAD TO HEAR IT.

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1

2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** YES, SIR.

3

4 **BRIAN KIM:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS BRIAN KIM. I'M A
5 PHARMACIST WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES. I'M HERE TO
6 EXPRESS MY SUPPORT FOR THE CREATION OF A SINGLE HEALTH
7 SERVICES AGENCY. AS A PHARMACIST I NOTICE MANY GAPS AND ISSUES
8 ACROSS MEDICAL SERVICES. FOR EXAMPLE, WHEN ONE MEDICAL SERVICE
9 DOES NOT KNOW OR MAY NOT KNOW WHAT ANOTHER SERVICE IS DOING
10 FOR THE PATIENT. AN INTEGRATED SYSTEM WOULD ALLOW FOR MORE
11 COMPREHENSIVE CARE AND A MEANS TO ADDRESS OPPORTUNITIES FOR
12 BETTER CARE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, SIR. YES, MA'AM.

15

16 **ALICE TO:** MAYOR, I'M GIVEN TWO MINUTES?

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** YES.

19

20 **ALICE TO:** THANK YOU. HI, MY NAME IS ALICE TO. I'M A CLINICAL
21 PHARMACIST AT DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES. I HAVE 17 YEARS
22 OF EXPERIENCE. I WORKED A FEW FACILITIES FROM RANCHO LOS
23 AMIGOS NATIONAL REHAB CENTER TO H.S.A. TO NOW HARBOR U.C.L.A.
24 I SUPPORT THE COUNTY SUPERVISORS' PLAN TO CREATE A SINGLE
25 HEALTH AGENCY. I SEE IT AS THE GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY FOR A FRESH

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1 ENTITY TO JUMP START SOME INCENTIVES, TO MAKE IMPROVEMENTS IN
2 ALL THREE DEPARTMENTS FOR ALL PROVIDERS TO PERFORM AS ONE.
3 DETAILS WHICH THIS BUSY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CANNOT PENETRATE
4 INTO. INTEGRATION IS A NECESSITY IN MODERN HEALTHCARE INDUSTRY
5 AS I WAS LEARNING IN MY M.B.A. PROGRAM. MANY ARE MERGING AND
6 TRYING TO CONSERVE THE EFFORTS TO BROADEN THE CARE SO THAT WE
7 HAVE BETTER, HIGHER LEVEL OF SERVICES. AND WITH THAT, IT WILL
8 COME WITH COST SAVINGS. AND LOS ANGELES COUNTY JUST HAS THIS
9 UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY. AND WE SHOULD STRIVE TO GET THERE. MY
10 EXPERIENCE IS WITH HARBOR. WE HAVE JUST STARTED IN 2014 THE
11 NEW ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORD. AND NOW MY WORK IS IMPROVED
12 TREMENDOUSLY. I HAVE DIAGNOSIS, I HAVE LABS, I HAVE NOTES, THE
13 NEXT CLINIC APPOINTMENT ALL IN ONE INTEGRATED SYSTEM. I SEE
14 BUILDING AN EVEN MORE POWERFUL CENTRAL REPOSITORY OF DRUG
15 HISTORY WHEN WE CAN MERGE EVERYBODY TOGETHER, IT CAN SAFE
16 GUARD OUR DISPENSING DECISION, WHEN TO PAGE THE PROVIDERS, HOW
17 TO COUNSEL PATIENTS, PREVENT MED ERRORS. AND WE JUST NEED TO
18 WORK ON AVOIDING DUPLICATED THERAPIES FROM SIMPLE OVERSIGHT OR
19 TO AVOID DUPLICATED THERAPY FROM PATIENTS SHOPPING AROUND. I
20 SEE THIS AGENCY NEEDING SOME NEW EYES THAT LISTEN TO US AND
21 THE DEPARTMENT FOR A LONG TIME IS FINALLY GETTING CHANGES
22 BECAUSE DR. KATZ HAS OPENED UP A SESSION WITH US AND LISTENED
23 TO OUR SYSTEMIC PROBLEMS.

24

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP JOE
2 FLORES. PATRICIA CASTILLO. MARK MASAOKA? DOROTHY BANKS. ROBERT
3 DONIN. YES, SIR.

4

5 **CHRIS CAMALLERI** MY NAME IS DR. CHRIS CAMALLERI, AND I'M A
6 PSYCHIATRIST PROVIDING SERVICES FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY MENTAL
7 HEALTH CLIENTS FOR 10 YEARS. AND I AM HERE IN SUPPORT OF THE
8 CONSOLIDATION OF THE DEPARTMENTS. AND I HAVE A PETITION SIGNED
9 BY 11 OF MY COLLEAGUES IN SUPPORT OF THE INTEGRATION. THE
10 REASON I SUPPORT THE CONSOLIDATION IS THAT IT WOULD PROVIDE
11 BETTER ACCESS TO NEEDED HEALTHCARE SERVICES FOR OUR MENTAL
12 HEALTH CLIENTS AND A SITUATION THAT HAS REPEATEDLY COME UP
13 WEEK AFTER WEEK AND YEAR AFTER YEAR IN MY TIME OF SERVICE IS
14 THAT WE'RE REQUIRED TO MONITOR BLOOD SUGAR AND CHOLESTEROL
15 LEVELS FOR CLIENTS RECEIVING ANTIPSYCHOTIC MEDICATIONS THAT
16 HAVE SCHIZOPHRENIA AND OTHER MENTAL HEALTH DISORDERS. AND WE
17 OFTEN FIND THAT THOSE SUGAR AND CHOLESTEROL LEVELS ARE
18 ELEVATED, SO WE RECOMMEND EXERCISE AND A HEALTHY DIET AND WE
19 RECOMMEND THEY SEE THEIR PRIMARY CARE DOCTOR. AND MANY OF THEM
20 DON'T HAVE A PRIMARY CARE DOCTOR, SO WE PROVIDE REFERRALS. BUT
21 A LOT OF THEM HAVE DIFFICULTY WITH CONCENTRATION AND MANAGING
22 THESE KIND OF DAILY ACTIVITIES.

23

24 **>>SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU.

25

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1 **CHRIS CAMALLEI:** OR THEY HAVE DIFFICULT-- IS THAT IT?

2

3 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THAT'S IT.

4

5 **CHRIS CAMALLERI:** OKAY.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY.

8

9 **CHRIS CAMALLERI:** THANK YOU.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** YOU'RE WELCOME. THANK YOU.

12

13 **JAMECCA MARSHALL:** GOOD AFTERNOON. THANK YOU FOR THIS

14 OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE BOARD. MY NAME IS JAMECCA MARSHALL

15 AND I'M A PROGRAM MANAGER AT PREVENTION INSTITUTE. I'M ALSO A

16 NATIVE LOS ANGELINO I WAS BORN IN CULVER CITY AND RAISED IN

17 LOS ANGELES OFF OF HOOVER AND MANCHESTER. I WAS RAISED IN

18 POMONA OFF OF GAREY AVENUE, HARPER, AND OFF OF EL SEGUNDO,

19 COMPTON, OFF OF CENTRAL AVENUE. YEAH, WE MOVED A LOT BECAUSE

20 WE WERE POOR. AND WHAT THESE COMMUNITIES HAVE IN COMMON IS

21 THEY'RE LOW-INCOME COMMUNITIES THAT OFTEN HAVE RESIDENTS WHO

22 ARE MOST AT RISK OF OBESITY, HYPERTENSION, HEART DISEASE.

23 THESE ARE THE BIG COMMUNITIES WITH THE VICTIMS OF GUN VIOLENCE

24 AND PEDESTRIAN DEATHS PREDOMINANTLY. AND SO WHAT A LOT OF

25 FOLKS HAVE BROUGHT TO THE TABLE TODAY ABOUT SERVICE

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1 INTEGRATION AND PATIENT SERVICES IS VERY IMPORTANT, BUT I'M
2 ENCOURAGING THE BOARD TO IMPLEMENT A TASKFORCE, IMPLEMENT AN
3 ADVISORY COMMITTEE OR SOMEONE TO THINK ABOUT HOW THIS IS GOING
4 TO AFFECT THE OTHER 9 MILLION RESIDENTS IN THE COUNTY LIKE ME
5 WHO LIVE IN THESE COMMUNITIES AND WHO WILL NOT EVER BE
6 CLIENTS, QUOTE/UNQUOTE, OF THE COUNTY BUT DEFINITELY DESERVE
7 HEALTH EQUITY AND DEFINITELY DESERVE POPULATION HEALTH WHICH
8 IS WHAT PUBLIC HEALTH AND THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
9 PROVIDES. THANK YOU.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. PATRICIA RUSSELL.
12 PETER MARRON. CHRIS EDWARDS. YES, SIR.

13

14 **ROBERT DONIN:** MR. MAYOR AND MEMBERS. GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME
15 IS ROB DONIN. I'M A LONGTIME VOLUNTEER AND GRASSROOTS ADVOCATE
16 WITH THE AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION. IT IS A PLEASURE TO BE
17 HERE AND TO COME TESTIFY ON THIS IMPORTANT ISSUE. THE AMERICAN
18 HEART ASSOCIATION IS A MEMBER OF A COALITION OF OVER 135
19 COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS AND AGENCIES REPRESENTING
20 CLIENTS, FAMILY MEMBERS, PROVIDERS AND PUBLIC HEALTH AND
21 MENTAL HEALTH ADVOCATES THAT ALL REJECT THE NEED FOR THE
22 CREATION OF A NEW HEALTH AGENCY AND INSTEAD SUPPORT A BOARD OF
23 SUPERVISORS-DIRECTED, COLLABORATIVE, PROBLEM SOLVING APPROACH
24 TO BETTER INTEGRATED CLIENT CARE. WHILE A NEW HEALTH AGENCY
25 WOULD PROVIDE THE AGENCY DIRECTOR WITH LINE AUTHORITY OVER THE

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1 DIRECTORS OF D.M.H. AND D.P.H., MEETING THE DEPARTMENT'S
2 CURRENT AUTONOMY AND VOICE, WE ARE CONCERNED THAT THE
3 DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, PUBLIC HEALTH AND D.H.S. CONTINUE
4 TO BE RECOGNIZED AS EQUALS ALONG WITH THE OTHER COUNTY
5 DEPARTMENTS IN TERMS OF ACCOUNTABILITY AND DIRECT REPORTING TO
6 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. FINALLY, AN ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE
7 SIMILAR TO THE HEALTH AGENCY CURRENTLY PROPOSED WAS IN PLACE
8 IN 2006 THAT CRIPPLED PUBLIC HEALTH REDUCING ITS
9 RESPONSIVENESS AND HOBBLING ITS PREVENTION PROGRAMS. WANT TO
10 ENSURE THAT THE BOARD DOES NOT INADVERTENTLY RECREATE THE PRE-
11 2006 HORROR IN THE NAME OF CONSOLIDATION.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, SIR.

14

15 **MARK MASAOKA:** I'M MARK MASAOKA, WITH THE ASIAN-PACIFIC POLICY
16 AND PLANNING COUNCIL AND WE SUPPORT THE PROPOSAL FOR AN OFFICE
17 OF HEALTHCARE ENHANCEMENT. IN LISTENING TO THE SPEAKERS, THERE
18 SEEMS TO BE VERY DIFFERENT CONCERNS THAT PEOPLE ARE SPEAKING
19 TO. ON ONE HAND, WE HEAR COUNTY EMPLOYEES TALK ABOUT THE NEED
20 TO SHARE RECORDS, MAKE APPOINTMENTS, BACK OFFICE EFFICIENCIES,
21 REDUCE WAITING TIMES, IMPROVE FORMULARIES AND A HOST OF THE
22 OBSTACLES THAT COUNTY STAFF ENCOUNTER SOMEHOW GOING TO BE
23 ADDRESSED BY PUTTING THE THREE DEPARTMENTS INTO A SINGLE BOX
24 OF A HEALTH AGENCY. ON THE OTHER HAND, A NUMBER OF US ARE HERE
25 BECAUSE WE'RE CONCERNED ABOUT UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES. THE

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1 THREE IMPORTANT COUNTY DEPARTMENTS NOT ONLY HAVE DISTINCT
2 MISSIONS, BUT THEY ALSO HAVE DISTINCT GOALS AND CULTURAL
3 CHANGES WITHIN THEIR OWN DEPARTMENTS. FOR D.H.S. IT'S BECOMING
4 COMPETITIVE WITH PRIVATE HEALTHCARE ORGANIZATIONS. WITH MENTAL
5 HEALTH, IT'S FULLY IMPLEMENTING AND COMPLETING THE TRANSITION
6 TO A RECOVERY-BASED MODEL. AND PUBLIC HEALTH IN ENVIRONMENTAL
7 CONCERNS. THANK YOU.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP STEVEN
10 GALAGOS. YES, MA'AM.

11

12 **SATRICIA:** I'M PATRICIA COSTALES. I'M A LICENSED CLINICAL
13 SOCIAL WORKER. I HAVE PROVIDED MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES IN L.A.
14 COUNTY FOR OVER 25 YEARS AND CURRENTLY REPRESENT AND RUN A
15 LARGE CONTRACTED CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH AGENCY. WE SPENT
16 CONSIDERABLE TIME TODAY HEARING THE SUPERVISORS SPEAK TO THE
17 IMPORTANCE OF MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES. IT'S DIFFICULT FOR ME TO
18 RECONCILE THAT WITH THIS PROPOSAL TO CREATE A HEALTH AGENCY
19 WHERE MENTAL HEALTH LOSES THE STRONG INDEPENDENT VOICE NEEDED
20 TO MEET THE SPECIAL NEEDS OF OUR HIGHLY DISENFRANCHISED CLIENT
21 POPULATION. I SUPPORT, INSTEAD, THE ALTERNATIVE OFFICE OF
22 HEALTHCARE ENHANCEMENT PROPOSED BY THE COALITION. THIS
23 ALTERNATIVE SUPPORTS THE GOAL OF INTEGRATION WITHOUT ADDING
24 UNNECESSARY BUREAUCRACY AND WITHOUT DANGEROUSLY DEVALUING
25 MENTAL HEALTH AND PUBLIC HEALTH. IT'S DISINGENUOUS TO PRETENT

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1 THAT THIS PLAN HASN'T PREDETERMINED THAT MENTAL HEALTH AND
2 PUBLIC HEALTH WOULDN'T BE PLACED UNDER DR. KATZ AND DEPARTMENT
3 OF HEALTH SERVICES. IT WOULD BE AN INHERENTLY UNEVEN PLAYING
4 FIELD THAT DEVALUES THE ROLE OF MENTAL HEALTH.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP SAADIA
7 JACKSON. PRIMO CASTRO. YES, MA'AM.

8

9 **PATRICIA RUSSELL:** MY NAME IS PATRICIA RUSSELL. I HAVE A SON
10 WHO SUFFERS FROM BIPOLAR DISORDER AND HAS OBSESSIVE-COMPULSIVE
11 AND POLYSUBSTANCE. HE HAS NOT GOTTEN INTEGRATED TREATMENT IN
12 THE COMMUNITY, BUT I DON'T THINK ESTABLISHMENT OF THE HEALTH
13 AGENCY IS GOING TO MAKE IT ANY BETTER. I REALLY HONESTLY
14 BELIEVE THAT HE DESERVES TO GET THE BEST TREATMENT HE CAN GET.
15 AND FROM ALL I'VE HEARD TODAY FROM ALL THE DIFFERENT SPEAKERS,
16 A HEALTH ENHANCEMENT TRACK WOULD BE A LOT BETTER, ESPECIALLY
17 WITH ALL THE REALLY POWERFUL TESTIMONY TODAY. SURELY YOU NEED
18 TO TAKE AT LEAST A STOP RIGHT NOW AND DON'T VOTE TODAY AND
19 CONSIDER MORE WHAT IS GOING ON HERE BECAUSE IT'S SUCH A HUGE
20 UNDERTAKING. AND I HONESTLY THINK IT'S TOO IMPORTANT TO NOT
21 REALLY GIVE IT MORE TIME. MY SON NEEDS TO BE TREATED IN AN
22 INTEGRATED SYSTEM WHERE HE GETS TREATED IN ONE PLACE WHERE HIS
23 CO-OCCURRING DISORDERS ARE NOT BATTED AROUND LIKE A PING PONG
24 BALL. BUT THIS ISN'T THE WAY TO DO IT RIGHT AT THIS POINT.

25

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1 **CHRIS EDWARDS:** CHRIS EDWARDS. THE HEALTH INTEGRATED AGENCY IS
2 NOT THE WAY TO GO. YOU WANT AN INTEGRATED ELECTRONIC HEALTH
3 RECORD? GIVE MILLIONS OF DOLLARS TO YOUR I.T. PEOPLE. THEY CAN
4 DO IT, OKAY? THAT WILL WORK. THEY DO THAT EVERY DAY. YOU WANT
5 TO BE ABLE TO BUY YOUR DRUGS FOR A BIGGER FORMULARY? GIVE IT
6 TO I.S.D. DR. KATZ HAS OBVIOUSLY WORKED VERY HARD ON THIS
7 PROJECT. HE HAD THAT MIRACLE FIVE-PAGE DESCRIPTION DELIVERED
8 TO YOU UNDER THE GUISE OF HIRING A PUBLIC HEALTH DIRECTOR.
9 VIOLATION OF THE BROWN ACT. THAT WAS A CLOSED SESSION ON A
10 PERSONNEL ISSUE. YOU SHOULD HAVE BROUGHT IT INTO THE OPEN
11 SESSION. YOU DID NOT. YOU SHOULD KNOW AS ATTORNEYS, THAT
12 VIOLATED THE BROWN ACT. YOU SHOULD STOP. YOU SHOULD THINK
13 ABOUT IT. YOU SHOULD LISTEN TO WHAT THE PUBLIC HAS TO SAY, AND
14 WHATEVER YOU DO, DR. KATZ IS NOT THE MAN TO INTEGRATE
15 ANYTHING. ASK THE 275 PEOPLE IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY STILL
16 WAITING FOR THEIR HERNIA REPAIR, OKAY?

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. NATALIE BESSE. BRANDON SHEEDY.
19 BRUCE WHEATLEY. YES SIR.

20

21 **STEVEN GALLEGOS:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS STEVEN GALLEGOS,
22 AND I'M WITH WITH PUBLIC HEALTH POLICY ADVOCATES. FIRST OF
23 ALL, I'VE BEEN BEFORE THIS BODY SEVERAL TIMES TO ADVOCATE FOR
24 POLICIES THAT STOPPED GETTING TOBACCO OUT OF THE HANDS OF KIDS
25 AND ALSO TO STOP SMOKING IN VARIOUS AREAS THROUGHOUT L.A.

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1 COUNTY. I KNOW THAT THE BOARD HAS ALWAYS HAD-- LISTENED TO
2 TESTIMONY AND MADE UP THEIR MINDS ABOUT WHAT-- HOW THEY WERE
3 GOING TO VOTE AFTER THEY HEARD PUBLIC COMMENT. SO I WAS
4 DISHEARTENED TO HEAR SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS OFFER HIS AYE
5 VOTE BEFORE HE HEARD THE VOICE OF ANY PEOPLE AT THIS HEARING.
6 AND THOUGH I AGREE WITH HIS FEELINGS THAT WE NEED TO DO THINGS
7 BETTER, I THINK WE ALREADY DID WHEN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
8 HEALTH AND DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, WHICH HAVE RECEIVED
9 NATIONAL RECOGNITION AND PROVIDED LEADERSHIP MODELS TO OTHER
10 HEALTH DEPARTMENTS AROUND THIS COUNTRY, WHEN THEY WERE SPUN
11 OUT OF THE HEALTH SERVICES FOR VERY GOOD REASONS.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, SIR. YES.

14

15 **PATRICIA JACKSON:** YES, HI. YOU MY NAME IS MISS JACKSON. GOOD
16 AFTERNOON TO THE BOARD AND EVERYBODY IN THE ROOM. TO WHOM IT
17 MAY CONCERN. PUBLIC HEALTH, MENTAL HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICE, IF
18 YOU PUT THEM ALL UP UNDER THE SAME UMBRELLA, YOU WILL BECOME A
19 FAILURE. ONE, I'M A SELF-MEDICATE MYSELF. TWO, I'M GOING TO DO
20 MY OWN. THREE, THE SUPERVISOR BOARD HAVE FAILED US. P.S. I
21 HOPE YOU TAKE ANY KIND OF CONSIDERATION TO MAKE A BETTER
22 HEALTH STRONG SYSTEM FOR EVERYBODY IN THE WORLD. THANK YOU.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. PATRICK-- YES, SIR.

25

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1 **PRIMO CASTRO:** GOOD EVENING. GOOD AFTERNOON, MAYOR AND
2 SUPERVISORS. PRIMO CASTRO, GOVERNMENT RELATIONS DIRECTOR FOR
3 THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY CANCER ACTION NETWORK. THE SCOPE
4 OF PUBLIC HEALTH RESPONSIBILITIES THAT TODAY FALL UNDER THE
5 COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH IS ENORMOUS. WITH MORE THAN
6 35 SEPARATE DIVISIONS TO PROTECT HEALTH, PREVENT DISEASE AND
7 PROMOTE IMPROVED HEALTH IN ALL SEGMENTS OF ALL THE
8 POPULATIONS, PUBLIC HEALTH STAKEHOLDERS LEGITIMATELY FEAR THAT
9 THE STATED EMPHASIS OF A HEALTH AGENCY ON IMPROVING PATIENT-
10 CENTERED SERVICES WILL OVERSHADOW AND CURTAIL INVESTMENT IN
11 IMPORTANT PUBLIC HEALTH INTERVENTIONS AS OCCURRED WHEN D.P.H.
12 WAS UNDER D.H.S. UNTIL 2006. D.P.H.'S SCOPE OF RESPONSIBILITY
13 HAS CONTINUED TO GROW SINCE IT BECAME AN INDEPENDENT
14 DEPARTMENT IN 2006. AS OF NOW, THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY
15 CANCER ACTION NETWORK CANNOT SUPPORT THIS INTEGRATION. THANK
16 YOU.

17
18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP PATRICK
19 HENN. RONALD RUIZ. YES, MA'AM.

20
21 **NATALIE BESSE:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS NATALIE
22 BESSE AND I'M A PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF
23 PUBLIC HEALTH AND AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF S.E.I.U. LOCAL 721. LIKE
24 MY OTHER COLLEAGUES WHO HAVE SPOKEN, I'M ALSO IN SUPPORT OF
25 THE INTEGRATION OF SERVICES TO CLIENTS, PATIENTS AND

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1 COMMUNITIES. FIRST AND FOREMOST, SERVICE INTEGRATION MUST DO
2 NO HARM. SUPERVISORS, IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT SERVICE
3 INTEGRATION PURPOSELY WORK TO INTEGRATE THE KNOTS THAT ARE
4 RESULTING IN DELAYS TO CARE. SUPERVISORS, SUCCESSFUL SERVICE
5 INTEGRATION WILL ERODE THE BARRIERS THAT SADLY RESULT IN STAFF
6 WORKING IN SILOS. I BELIEVE THAT THIS PROPOSAL OF HEALTH
7 INTEGRATION OF SERVICES MIMICS THE KAISER SYSTEM OF DELIVERY
8 OF CARE AND THE ELECTRONIC RECORD SYSTEM WHICH IS A SEAMLESS
9 AND OUTSTANDING SYSTEM. BY BEING INTEGRATED, PATIENTS ARE ABLE
10 TO HAVE THEIR MEDICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS ADDRESSED EASILY
11 BETWEEN DEPARTMENTS, WHICH OVERALL IMPROVES THE DELIVERY OF
12 PATIENT CARE AND LOWERS RISKS, DELAYS, MISTAKES AND WILL
13 IMPROVE CARE TO L.A. COUNTY.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THANK YOU. LET ME
16 ALSO CALL UP TIRA BALLS. LISA VITTAYARUKSKUL. YES, SIR.

17

18 **BRUCE WHEATLEY:** BRUCE WHEATLEY. I'M CO-CHAIR OF THE DEPARTMENT
19 OF MENTAL HEALTH CULTURAL COMPETENCY COMMITTEE AS WELL AS
20 PRESIDENT OF INNER CITY INDUSTRY MY RESEARCH HAS BEEN ON WHOLE
21 SYSTEMS, TRANSFORMATION SINCE WE DISCOVERED STUDENTS WERE
22 BEING INAPPROPRIATELY DIAGNOSED WITH MENTAL DISABILITIES WHO
23 OTHERWISE HAD BEHAVIORAL ISSUES. MY TESTIMONY IS IN SUPPORT OF
24 HEALTH INTEGRATION. I BELIEVE WHOLEHEARTEDLY THAT IT CAN BE
25 ACCOMPLISHED AND MANY OF THE CONCERNS CAN BE MITIGATED THROUGH

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1 COORDINATED COMMUNICATION. THE REPORT STATED BOTTOM-UP CHANGE,
2 WHICH IS FUNDAMENTALLY AROUND SOCIAL CHANGE. THIS REPRESENTS
3 AN OPPORTUNITY TO OPERATIONALIZE MENTAL HEALTH PARITY PER THE
4 AFFORDABLE CARE ACT LAW, WHICH IS ESSENTIAL. IT'S
5 INCONCEIVABLE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH-- THE
6 MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE ACT GENERATED TEN BILLION DOLLARS IN
7 RESOURCES AND THERE'S STILL COMMUNITIES LIKE SOUTH L.A. AND
8 DISTRICT 2 WHO ARE PLEADING FOR SERVICES. I WAS JUST ASKED FOR
9 TWO RECOMMENDATIONS. ONE IS THAT THE COMMISSION ISSUE A REPORT
10 ON OPERATIONALIZING HEALTH INTEGRATION BASED ON THAT REPORT TO
11 MAKE CERTAIN THAT COMMUNITIES THAT ARE ACTUALLY INVOLVED, AS
12 WELL AS MAKING CERTAIN THAT THE BOARD ISSUES CULTURAL
13 COMPETENCY AS A BOARD PRIORITY SO WE CAN BEGIN TO ENGAGE BOTH
14 THE INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL SOCIAL STRUCTURES. THANK YOU.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP ALINA
17 MENDIZABAL. VERYETI VASSEL. YES, SIR.

18

19 **KEENAN SHEEDY:** THANK YOU. MY NAME'S KEENAN SHEEDY, PATIENT
20 FINANCIAL SERVICE WORKER FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
21 SERVICES. AND I HAVE CLIENTS SIGN UP FOR MEDI-CAL AND ALL THE
22 PROGRAMS THAT ARE AVAILABLE TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY CAN ACCESS
23 SERVICES AND ALSO REIMBURSE THE COUNTY IN ORDER TO KEEP THE
24 DOORS OF EVERY FACILITY OPEN. I THINK THIS MOTION HAS THE
25 POTENTIAL TO PROVIDE BETTER PATIENT CARE AND COORDINATION, AS

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1 OTHERS HAVE STATED. WE WANT THE BOARD TO ADOPT THE PRINCIPLE
2 THAT ANY FISCAL SAVINGS, ANY ADDITIONAL REVENUE SHALL BE RE-
3 INVESTED IN THE HEALTHCARE SERVICES. WE WANT THE INTEGRATION
4 TO TRANSLATE INTO SERVICE LEVELS BEING NOT ONLY MAINTAINED BUT
5 THE CONTINUUM OF SERVICES MUST BE EXPANDED. SYSTEM FINANCING
6 AND BUDGETS MUST BE TRANSPARENT AND RESPONSIBLE WITH
7 TAXPAYERS' DOLLARS. EVERY DAY I TAKE CARE OF PATIENTS WHO HAVE
8 BEEN TREATED BY TWO OR THREE OF THE DEPARTMENTS. THEY NEED THE
9 COORDINATION FROM THEIR POINT OF VIEW AND SO DO WE. THANK YOU.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. YES, MA'AM.

12

13 **LISA VITTAYARUKSKUL:** HI, GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS LISA
14 VITTAYARUKSKUL AND I'M A CURRENT MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN HEART
15 ASSOCIATION. I WAS ALSO SENT AS A REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE
16 AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION. I'M ALSO HERE AS A MEMBER OF THE
17 COUNTY COALITION TO IMPROVE LOS ANGELES. AND AS SUCH, I OPPOSE
18 THE CONSOLIDATION PROPOSAL IN ITS CURRENT ITERATION. WE HAVE
19 PARTNERED WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
20 HEALTH AND SEVERAL LIFESAVING PROGRAMS THROUGHOUT THE YEARS.
21 WE HAVE COLLABORATED ON TOBACCO CONTROL AND PREVENTION,
22 NUTRITION AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY, EARLY CHILDHOOD OBESITY
23 PREVENTION, AND POLICIES FOR A LIVABLE, ACTIVE COMMUNITIES AND
24 ENVIRONMENTS TO NAME A FEW. WE BELIEVE THAT THE PROCESS FOR
25 STAKEHOLDER AND COMMUNITY INPUT HAS NOT BEEN ADEQUATE ENOUGH

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1 TO ENSURE A BROADLY INFORMED AND APPROPRIATE PLAN TO
2 CONSOLIDATE THE DEPARTMENTS OF THESE DEPARTMENTS. SO WHILE WE
3 FULLY RECOGNIZE THAT L.A. COUNTY'S HEALTH SYSTEM TEAM IS
4 UNDERGOING AS MOST HEALTH DEPARTMENTS, HEALTH SYSTEMS ARE IN
5 THE AFFORDABILITY CARE ACT, WE SEEK A REORGANIZATION STRATEGY
6 THAT ENSURES ATTENTION TO IMPROVING HEALTH THROUGH EVIDENCE-
7 BASED PUBLIC HEALTH STRATEGIES.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP FRANCES
10 TODD. FRANCES TODD. MARVA BURGESS. EMMANUEL MARTINEZ. YES,
11 MA'AM.

12

13 **ALINA MENDIZABAL:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS ALINA MENDIZABAL
14 AND I'M A HEALTH CARE TRANSFORMATION ADVOCATE FOR THE
15 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES. I'M ALSO AN S.E.I.U. 721
16 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER AND PART OF THE HEALTH INTEGRATION
17 HEALTH TASKFORCE FOR S.E.I.U. FOR OVER 30 YEARS, I HAVE
18 CONNECTED L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS WITH AFFORDABLE HEALTHCARE
19 PLANS THAT KEEP THEM HEALTHY, PHYSICALLY AND MENTALLY. THE
20 DISCUSSIONS AND DECISIONS BEFORE YOU TODAY IS BOTH TIMELY AND
21 CRITICAL CONSIDERING ALL OF THE TRANSFORMATION WORK THAT'S
22 BEFORE US WITH THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT AND THE NEW 1115
23 WAIVER, ALL THE REQUIREMENTS. AS A COMMUNICATOR, I CAN'T HELP
24 BUT NOTE THAT THIS MAJOR RESTRUCTURING OPENS THE DOOR FOR
25 EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION. THE DOOR IS OPEN BUT WE HAVE TO MAKE

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1 THE RESOLVE TO WALK THROUGH. SUPERVISORS, AS YOU DELIBERATE
2 TODAY HOW BEST TO MOVE FORWARD WITH SERVICE INTEGRATION, I
3 COME TO YOU TODAY TO PLACE A PREMIUM ON A COHESIVE HEALTH
4 DELIVERY NETWORK AND ENSURE THAT ANY NETWORK OF CARE DOES NOT
5 RELY ON EXCESSIVE OUTSOURCING WHICH UNDERMINES CARE COHESION
6 AND REQUIRES CLIENTS, PATIENTS AND COMMUNITIES TO WORK HARDER
7 TO OBTAIN SERVICES. PLEASE BE TRANSPARENT BY PROVIDING US, THE
8 FRONT LINE WORKERS, A SEAT AT THE TABLE TO GIVE YOU OUR
9 THOUGHTS AND CONCERNS. IT'S GOING TO TAKE ALL OF US TO BE
10 SUCCESSFUL BUT IF WE ALL ACT LIKE PARTNERS, WE CAN DO IT. WHEN
11 WE COLLABORATE TOGETHER, WE DELIVER EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE FOR
12 OUR COMMUNITIES, PUT OUR PATIENTS FIRST, NOT THE PROVIDERS OF
13 CARE, BUT THE CONSUMERS. AND I KNOW THAT WE CAN DO IT BECAUSE
14 I KNOW THAT WHEN I WAS WITH D.H.S. CALLING FOR MY PATIENTS,
15 ZEV REFERRED ME TO MENTAL HEALTH AND I WAS ABLE TO HELP THE
16 PATIENT. WHY CAN'T WE BE INTEGRATED SO I CAN DO IT TOGETHER?
17 THANK YOU.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO-- YES, MA'AM.

20

21 **VERYETI VASSEL:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS
22 VERYETI VASSEL. I'M AN R.N. AT THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH
23 AND A MEMBER OF THE TASKFORCE FOR S.E.I.U. LOCAL 721. THE WORK
24 WE DO IN MENTAL HEALTH IS CRITICAL FOR VERY VULNERABLE
25 POPULATIONS IN OUR COMMUNITY. LET ME TELL YOU A PERSONAL

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1 STORY. I MET MR. X WHEN HE CAME TO MY ATTENTION AT MY HOMELESS
2 SHELTER WHERE I'M COLLOCATED. MR. X IS A 70-YEAR-OLD ASIAN MAN
3 THAT CAME TO LOS ANGELES IN THE 1970S. HE BECAME HOMELESS AND
4 BECAME AN ALCOHOLIC. HE KEPT GOING IN AND OUT OF THE JAILS FOR
5 ALCOHOL-RELATED ISSUES AND THE ONLY TREATMENT HE GOT WAS WHEN
6 HE WAS CODE MANDATED. MR. X AT THE TIME HAD A FRACTURE OF HIS
7 LEG THAT HE DID NOT HAVE ANY CARE FOR. HE DID NOT HAVE ANY
8 INSURANCE OR BENEFITS. I GOT HIM INTO A CLINIC THAT SERVED THE
9 HOMELESS IN VENICE AND HE WAS REFERRED TO ONE OF OUR BIG
10 COUNTY FACILITIES. I HAD TO MAKE SEVERAL PHONE CALLS AND GOT
11 VERY INNOVATIVE THROUGH NETWORKING TO GET HIM THE CARE THAT HE
12 NEEDED THAT DAY. MR. X IS NOW ATTACHED TO THE ASIAN-PACIFIC
13 CLINIC WHERE HE'S GETTING MENTAL HEALTH AND CARE FOR HIS
14 ALCOHOL SUBSTANCE ABUSE. THANK YOU.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP ANTHONY
17 ALMAN. MICHAEL SGCZERBATY? YES, MA'AM.

18

19 **FRANCES TODD:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS DR.
20 FRANCES TODD. I AM A NURSE PRACTITIONER AT HARBOR-U.C.L.A.
21 MEDICAL CENTER AND I HAVE A DOCTORATE IN PUBLIC
22 ADMINISTRATION. I AM ALSO A STEWARD AND A LEADER IN THE
23 TRANSFORMATION TASKFORCE OF LOCAL 721. I HAVE WORKED IN D.H.S.
24 FOR OVER 40 YEARS. IN FACT, I'M ONE MONTH SHY OF MY 41ST,
25 COMPLETING MY 41ST YEAR. THROUGHOUT MY TENURE, I HAVE LEARNED

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1 A GREAT DEAL ABOUT WHAT WORKS WITHIN THE COUNTY SYSTEM AND
2 WHAT DOESN'T WORK. I HAVE WORKED ALONGSIDE OF EMPLOYEES FROM
3 ALL THE DEPARTMENTS, FROM ALL THE DISCIPLINES. AND I CAN
4 HONESTLY SAY THAT WHAT YOU ARE VOTING FOR ON IN THIS MATTER
5 HAS THE POTENTIAL TO CHANGE THE FACE AND THE FUNCTION OF THE
6 HEALTHCARE SYSTEM IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY FOREVER. THIS WILL
7 GREATLY AFFECT THE PEOPLE OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND THOSE
8 WORKERS WHO MAKE THE COUNTY WORK. HOWEVER, YOUR BOARD DECIDES--
9 - IF YOUR BOARD DECIDES TO MOVE FORWARD TO OPERATIONALIZE
10 SERVICE INTEGRATION, WE MUST TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO CHANGE
11 THE CURRENT SYSTEM AND MAKE IT BETTER. THIS IS NOT SAYING THAT
12 D.M.H. IS NOT DOING A GOOD JOB. THEY ARE. NOT SAYING THAT WE
13 ARE--

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. YES, MA'AM.

16

17 **MARVA BURGESS:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS MARVA
18 BURGESS. I'M A REGISTERED NURSE. I WORK WITH THOSE ADMITTED TO
19 JUVENILE HALL. SOME OF THE MINORS HAVE MULTIPLE MEDICAL
20 PROBLEMS AND MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES. I TREAT YOUTH FOR SOME WHO
21 HAVE BEEN EMOTIONALLY, PHYSICALLY AND SEXUALLY ABUSED. AS A
22 NURSE, I TAKE CARE OF THE WHOLE PERSON. TODAY I AM LIMITED IN
23 MY ABILITY TO ACCESS KEY INFORMATION FROM MENTAL HEALTH STAFF
24 ABOUT MY PATIENTS. HOW CAN WE PROVIDE QUALITY CARE IF WE
25 AREN'T SEEING THE WHOLE PICTURE? AS A REGISTERED NURSE SERVING

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1 OUR YOUTH IN THE CAMPS, I CAN TELL YOU THAT TRULY INTEGRATED
2 SERVICES GO BEYOND MERELY COLLOCATED SERVICES. NURSES AND
3 CLINICIANS, SOCIAL WORKERS AND OTHERS REQUIRE TOOLS AND
4 PROCESSES THAT FACILITATE TIMELY REFERRALS AND INFORMATION
5 SHARING. TRANSFORMING THE SYSTEM WILL ENABLE ME TO TRULY
6 ADVOCATE FOR MY PATIENTS.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU, MA'AM. JOHN
9 SHERIN. JOHN SHERIN. KELLY KUBOTA. KEENAN SHEEDY.

10

11 **EMMANUEL MARTINEZ:** I'M EMMANUEL MARTINEZ AND FIRST I'M
12 SPEAKING AS A CONSTITUENT AND ALSO AS A CONSUMER. AND ALSO I
13 VOLUNTEER FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH. I AM THE VICE
14 PRESIDENT OF THE LATINO COALITION. SO BASICALLY I REPRESENT A
15 GROUP OF CULTURAL ETHNIC GROUPS. BUT WHAT WE DO, WE'RE PEOPLE
16 WITH DIAGNOSES, SO I'M AGAINST THE CONSOLIDATION. I'M FOR
17 INTEGRATION AND WORKING TOGETHER AND COMMUNICATING FOR
18 HELPING. I LIVE IN THE SOUTH CENTRAL AREA. AND WE NEED HELP
19 OVER THERE. WE NEED OTHER LIKE UPGRADING ANOTHER CLINIC AND
20 STUFF LIKE THAT. BUT I'M REALLY THANKFUL THAT DR. GHALY, SHE
21 PUT A LOT OF THE INFORMATION FROM THE DIFFERENT COMMUNITIES
22 AND FROM THE DIFFERENT ETHNIC GROUPS. SO BASICALLY I'M AGAINST
23 IT. I'M NOT FOR IT. BUT I AM THAT THE THREE DEPARTMENTS WORK
24 TOGETHER, THE THREE DIRECTORS WORK TOGETHER. THANK YOU.
25 BECAUSE I AM THE PERFECT EXAMPLE. IT WORKS. D.M.H. WORKS.

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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP RAYMOND
3 KANEKO, RAYMOND KANEKO. RUTH SARNOFF. RUTH? YES, MA'AM OR YES,
4 SIR.

5

6 **MICHAEL SGCZERBATY:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS
7 MICHAEL SGCZERBATY. I'M A MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE COORDINATOR
8 AND RECOVERY ADVOCATE SPECIALIST LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT
9 OF MENTAL HEALTH. I'M ALSO REPRESENTING A.P.N.I., LOCAL 2712,
10 I'M ON THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THAT UNION. AND GLAD TO BE HERE.
11 I SUPPORT THE CREATION OF A HEALTH AGENCY OVERSEEING THE
12 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH
13 SERVICE DEPARTMENT, PUBLIC HEALTH AND SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
14 MEDICAL SERVICES. I BELIEVE THERE IS A GREAT POTENTIAL FOR A
15 HEALTH AGENCY TO IMPROVE SERVICE DELIVERY TO CLIENTS, FAMILIES
16 AND THE COMMUNITY WE SERVE BY ELIMINATING-- ONE, ELIMINATING
17 REDUNDANCECIES AND INTAKE PROCESSES ACROSS DEPARTMENTS; TWO,
18 INCREASING OUR ABILITY TO ADDRESS OUR CLIENTS' NEEDS MORE
19 COMPREHENSIVELY WITH A PERSON TO PERSON IN ENVIRONMENT
20 APPROACH CONSISTENT WITH OUR CORE SOCIAL VALUES. THREE, USING
21 OUR COLLECTIVE EXPERIENCES AND IDEAS TO REMOVE UNNECESSARY
22 BUREAUCRATIC OBSTACLES TO THE BEST CARE POSSIBLE. A
23 SIGNIFICANT PORTION OF THE PEOPLE WE SEE HAVE A COMBINATION OF
24 PHYSICAL, MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE ISSUES. THE

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1 COUNTY'S DISJOINTED HEALTH SYSTEM MAKES IT DIFFICULT TO
2 ADDRESS THOSE NEEDS FOR COMPREHENSIVE CARE.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP PETER
5 CHO. LEO HUANG? STEVEN WALLACE? ASHLEY KISSINGER? YES, MA'AM.

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7 **PATRICIA CASTILLO:** BUENOS TARDES, MY NAME IS PATRICIA
8 CASTILLO, I'M THE REGIONAL HEALTH DIRECTOR FOR S.E.I.U. LOCAL
9 721 AND I'D LIKE TO START BY ACKNOWLEDGING THAT THE
10 DEPARTMENTS AND THEIR LEADERS FOR ENGAGING WITH US IN A ROBUST
11 ENGAGEMENT PROCESS WITH OUR MEMBERS. WE WELCOME AND ENJOY THE
12 RICH DIALOGUE THAT IT CREATED WITH OUR MEMBERS. THERE AT THE
13 WORKPLACE, THIS HAS BEEN-- THIS DISCUSSION HAS CREATED SOME
14 REALLY GOOD HOPE AND EXCITEMENT THAT WE'RE BUILDING A
15 HEALTHCARE SYSTEM FOR OUR PATIENTS. SUPERVISORS, AS THE
16 LARGEST UNION REPRESENTING HEALTHCARE WORKERS IN L.A. COUNTY,
17 S.E.I.U. 721 MEMBERS ARE INSTRUMENTAL IN IMPLEMENTING
18 HEALTHCARE DELIVERY SYSTEM CHANGES. AS SUCH, WE ARE REQUESTING
19 TO BE INVOLVED IN THE DESIGN IMPLEMENTATION AND THE EVALUATION
20 AND ANY NEW HEALTHCARE AGENCY. WE ARE OPTIMISTIC ABOUT BEING
21 PART OF AN EFFECTIVE HEALTHCARE PROGRAM FOR L.A. COUNTY
22 RESIDENTS.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MARINA MARTIN?
25 PATRICIA STEWART NOLEN. YES MA'AM, MISS SARNOFF?

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2 **RUTH SARNOFF:** I WANTED TO SAY THAT I THINK THAT THE NEED FOR
3 PARTICULARLY WHERE PEOPLE ARE IN LIKE A RESIDENCE IN LOCAL
4 COMMUNITIES, I THINK IT'S VERY IMPORTANT TO HAVE A SOCIAL
5 SETTING WHERE PEOPLE EAT TOGETHER, PREPARE-- WHERE FOOD'S
6 PREPARED ON SITE RATHER THAN COMING FROM VENDORS AND THAT
7 WHERE POSSIBLE GARDENING BE INTEGRATED WITH THAT, THE RAISING
8 OF SOME OF THE FOOD FOR THE KITCHEN AS WELL AS SOME OF THE
9 THINGS THAT WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE IN THE HOME: MUSIC, ART,
10 SINGING, DANCING, COLORFUL WALLS AND SOME ABILITY FOR PEOPLE
11 TO PERSONALIZE THEIR SURROUNDINGS AND TO USE MAYBE THE MODELS
12 THAT ARE COMING OUT IN THE WORK SITUATION IN SOME OF THE
13 BUILDINGS IN LOS ANGELES. THANK YOU.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, MISS SARNOFF. YES, SIR. OR
16 YES, MA'AM.

17

18 **KELLY KUBOTA:** HELLO, I'M KELLY KUBOTA AND I'VE BEEN A PHYSICAL
19 THERAPIST FOR RANCHO LOS AMIGOS FOR 21 YEARS AND A MEMBER OF
20 LOCAL S.E.I.U. 721. I SUPPORT AN INTEGRATED HEALTH SYSTEM AND
21 INTEGRATION FOCUSED ON BREAKING DOWN BARRIERS THAT INHIBITS
22 ACCESS TO QUALITY CARE AND IS FOCUSED ON IMPROVING SERVICES
23 FOR THE PERSONS WE SERVE. AS THE P.T. SUPERVISOR ON THE
24 PEDIATRIC UNIT, WHICH INCLUDES PATIENTS THROUGH THE AGE OF 21,
25 WE WORK WITH INDIVIDUALS WITH A HISTORY OF MENTAL ILLNESS WHO

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1 THEN HAVE A CATASTROPHIC INJURY SUCH AS BRAIN INJURY OR SPINAL
2 CORD INJURY. ONCE THE PATIENTS LEAVE OUR HOSPITAL, THEY OFTEN
3 RECEIVE FOLLOW UP CARE AT AN M.T.U. THROUGH CALIFORNIA
4 CHILDREN'S SERVICES, WHICH IS PART OF D.P.H. THEY MAY ALSO
5 RECEIVE PSYCHOLOGICAL SUPPORT AT A D.M.H. FACILITY AND HAVING
6 TO NAVIGATE ALL THREE SYSTEMS CAN BE CHALLENGING FOR OUR
7 PATIENTS AND OUR FAMILIES AND IT CAN LEAD TO A SUBOPTIMAL
8 PATIENT FACILITY. IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT OUR FACILITIES HAVE
9 SEAMLESS COMMUNICATION IN ORDER TO PROVIDE THE HIGH QUALITY
10 CARE OUR PATIENTS DESERVE AND EXPECT. AN INTEGRATED HEALTH
11 SYSTEM WOULD HELP FACILITATE THIS PROCESS.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. LET ME
14 ALSO CALL UP ELLA HUSHAGEN, REBA STEVENS. PRENTISS JENKINS.
15 PATRICIA COSTALES BEATRICE YORKER. KELLY KUBOTA.

16

17 **STEVEN WALLACE:** THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK AND
18 THANK YOU FOR ALL OF YOUR STAMINA IN HEARING ALL OF THE
19 SPEAKERS TODAY ON THE TOPIC. MY NAME IS STEVEN WALLACE. I'M
20 THE PROFESSOR AND CHAIR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY HEALTH
21 SCIENCES IN THE U.C.L.A. FIELDING SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND
22 ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR FOR THE CENTER FOR HEALTH CARE RESEARCH.
23 I'M ALSO SIGNATORY ON A LETTER FROM ALL OF THE CHAIRS OF THE
24 SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH THAT OPPOSE THE CURRENT PROPOSAL. WE
25 ARE ALL IN FAVOR OF BETTER COORDINATION, IN FAVOR OF BETTER

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1 INTEGRATION AMONG AGENCIES, BUT THE CURRENT PROPOSAL, WE FEEL,
2 WILL PUT A DAMPER ON PUBLIC HEALTH. YOU'LL NOTICE THAT ALL OF
3 THE SPEAKERS FROM A PUBLIC HEALTH PERSPECTIVE TODAY HAVE BEEN
4 OPPOSED TO THE PROPOSED REORGANIZATION. REORGANIZATION CAN
5 WORK WHEN THERE ARE WILLING PARTICIPANTS. BUT AS STRUCTURED,
6 WE FEEL THAT ANOTHER LAYER OF BUREAUCRACY WILL DETRACT FROM
7 THE ABILITY OF PUBLIC HEALTH TO DO ITS JOB. AT A MINIMUM AS A
8 COMPROMISE, WE ASK THAT YOU PROHIBIT ANY OF THE CURRENT
9 DIRECTORS OF ANY OF THE CURRENT DEPARTMENTS FROM ASSUMING THE
10 DIRECTOR POSITION OF ANY NEW AGENCY YOU MAY APPROVE. THANK
11 YOU.

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13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, SIR. TINA MARTINEZ. GRACE
14 SANTILLAN. YES, MA'AM.

15

16 **PATRICIA STEWART NOLEN:** GOOD AFTERNOON, THANK YOU. I AM
17 PATRICIA STEWART NOLEN. I'M A LICENSED CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER
18 WITH A.F.S.C.M.E. 3511, THE CLINICAL SOCIAL WORK SUPERVISORS
19 IN HEALTH AND MENTAL HEALTH. I WILL NOT DETAIL THE
20 FRUSTRATIONS IN INTEGRATING SERVICES. I HAVE WORKED BOTH
21 DEPARTMENTS AS MANY PEOPLE ATTESTED TO TODAY. OUR COMMITMENT,
22 WE DO NOT SEE PEOPLE WITH JUST ONE PROBLEM. OUR CLIENTS HAVE
23 MULTIPLE PROBLEMS. AND AS SUCH, WE REALLY NEED TO WORK
24 TOGETHER. SO WE ARE ABSOLUTELY IN SUPPORT OF CREATING A HEALTH
25 AGENCY. I ALSO WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS THE ISSUE OF FEAR THAT

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1 HAS BEEN EXPRESSED BY MANY OF OUR MEMBERS, FEAR OF CHANGE.
2 MANY MEMBERS SUPPORT THIS BUT ARE VERY FEARFUL FOR SEEMING
3 DISLOYAL AND FEARFUL OF SPEAKING OUT BUT STRONGLY SUPPORT A
4 HEALTH AGENCY. WHOEVER YOU SELECT, WE HOPE IT WILL BE SOMEONE
5 BASED SOLIDLY WITH EXPERIENCE IN PHYSICAL HEALTH WITH A
6 KNOWLEDGE BASE IN MENTAL HEALTH AND PUBLIC HEALTH. THAT IS FOR
7 YOU TO DETERMINE. THANK YOU.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, MA'AM. LET ME ALSO CALL UP
10 VIVIANNA HERNANDEZ. YES, MA'AM.

11

12 **MARINA MARTIN:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS MARINA
13 MARTIN, AND I'M A MENIAL HEALTH CLINICAL SUPERVISOR, I'M A
14 LICENSED CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER AT THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL
15 HEALTH. I'M ALSO THE PRESIDENT OF A.F.S.C.M.E. LOCAL 3511, A
16 SUPERVISING PSYCHIATRIC SOCIAL WORK WORKERS UNION. WE
17 SUPERVISE STAFF IN A VARIETY OF SETTINGS, SUCH AS MENTAL
18 HEALTH CLINICS, HOSPITALS, EMERGENCY ROOMS, JAILS, JUVENILE
19 HALLS, PROBATION CAMPS, COURTS, SCHOOLS AND VARIETY OF OTHER
20 COMMUNITY SETTINGS. A.F.S.C.M.E. LOCAL 3511 FULLY SUPPORTS THE
21 CREATION OF THE HEALTH AGENCY. THE CREATION OF THE HEALTH
22 AGENCY IS THE RIGHT THING FOR OUR CLIENTS. IT IS ABOUT THE
23 INTEGRATION AND IMPROVING SERVICE DELIVERY. THANK YOU.

24

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, MA'AM. LET ME ALSO CALL UP
2 JAIMIE GARCIA. JAIME GARCIA. JULIE. WU SHIEH. HECTOR RAMIREZ..
3 YES, MA'AM.

4

5 **REBASTEVEN:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS REBA STEVENS AND I'M A
6 CONSUMER WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH. I HAVE ALSO
7 USED MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AND IN MY LIFE I HAVE USED PUBLIC
8 HEALTH. IN JANUARY I WAS ONE OF MANY WHO CAME BEFORE YOU
9 ANGRY, HOSTILE. JUST PISSED IF YOU WILL IN REFERENCE TO HOW IT
10 WAS DELIVERED. AND ABOUT 6 WEEKS LATER, I BEGAN TO REALIZE,
11 WAIT A MINUTE. A DOOR IS OPENED. I NEED TO CHECK THIS OUT AND
12 SEE WHAT'S REALLY GOING ON. THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR CHANGE
13 WHICH I KNOW IS SO NEEDED. AND SO AS A RESULT, I ATTENDED I
14 WOULD SAY AT LEAST 95 PERCENT OF THE CONVENINGS. AND I HAVE
15 BEEN VERY ACTIVE IN STRIVING TO GET MANY OF MY PEERS TO COME
16 ON BOARD AND AT LEAST LISTEN TO FIND AN OPEN MIND AND TO GIVE
17 INPUT, OPPOSED TO JUST SIMPLY SAYING OVER AND OVER AGAIN: I
18 DON'T WANT THIS. WELL, I WANT IT. AND I WANT IT NOW. I WANT
19 NOT ONLY DO I WANT INTEGRATED CARE, I WANT THE AGENCY AND I
20 WOULD LOVE TO SEE DR. KATZ AS THE LEADER IN REGARDS TO IT.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. YES,
23 SIR.

24

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1 **PRENTISS JENKINSR:** YES. PRENTISS JENKINS, ACTIVIST SINCE 1991,
2 PUBLISHER OF THE "CITY LIFE" NEWSLETTER. I'D LIKE TO
3 ACKNOWLEDGE BLACK LIVES MATTER AND I ALSO TESTIFY IN FRONT OF
4 THE BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS EVERY TUESDAY. I WANT TO
5 KNOW IF THE POLICE AND FIREMEN ARE GOING TO HAVE THE
6 OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THESE SERVICES BECAUSE WHEN
7 YOU ARE LOOKING AT PEOPLE WHO SUFFER FROM POST-TRAUMATIC
8 STRESS DISORDERS, THESE COPS AND FIREMEN. I MEAN YOU GOT HENRY
9 SOLIS IN JAIL NOW FOR MURDERING A MAN HE DIDN'T EVEN KNOW. YOU
10 GOT COPS WHO JUMPED OUT OF A CAR AND TACKLED EZELL FORD, AND
11 SHOT HIM IN THE BACK AND MURDERED HIM RIGHT THERE. THESE
12 PEOPLE SUFFER FROM TERRIBLE BOUTS OF POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS
13 DISORDER. THERE'S A FIRE CAPTAIN MATTHEW PHILIPSON GOT CAUGHT
14 BUYING 7 BALLS OF HEROIN, TAKING IT BACK TO THE OTHER FIREMEN.
15 ORVILLE FLEMING, BATTALION CHIEF, MURDERED HIS GIRLFRIEND AND
16 STABBED HER TO DEATH AND CHOKED HER TO DEATH. SO WE NEED TO
17 HAVE JACKIE LACEY TAKE A LOOK AT THESE CASES OF THE PEOPLE
18 MURDERED, EZELL FORD. THANK YOU.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, SIR. LET ME ALSO CALL UP
21 JOE FLORES. BREANNA HAWKINS. BARBARA WILSON, WENDY CABIL.
22 ARNOLD SACHS. YES, SIR OR YES, MA'AM.

23

24 **JULIE WU SHIEH:** I'M JULIE WU SHIEH, PSYCHIATRIST WITH
25 DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH FOR 10 YEARS. I STRONGLY SUPPORT

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1 THE INTEGRATION OF THE THREE DEPARTMENTS BECAUSE IT WILL
2 BENEFIT THE WELL-BEING OF MY PATIENTS AND SAVE TAXPAYER
3 DOLLARS, ALLOWING COUNTY TO PROVIDE MORE MEDICAL PUBLIC AND
4 MENTAL HEAALTH SERVICES. WHEN I WAS THINKING OF AN EXAMPLE TO
5 GIVE TO YOU. I IMMEDIATELY THOUGHT OF A PATIENT OF MINE. HE
6 HAS PARANOID SCHIZOPHRENIA. HE'S BEEN SEEING ME FOR YEARS. ONE
7 DAY HE DEVELOPED AN ABDOMINAL HERNIA. DESPITE REPEATED
8 RECOMMENDATIONS AT EVERY VISIT TO SEE A PRIMARY CARE DOCTOR
9 ELSEWHERE, HE WOULD NOT GO BECAUSE OF HIS PARANOIA. TWO YEARS
10 LATER, HE DEVELOPED PAIN THAT WOULDN'T GO AWAY. HE WENT TO THE
11 EMERGENCY ROOM AND ENDING UP NEEDED TO BE HOSPITALIZED FOR AN
12 EMERGENCY SURGERY AND I.V. ANTIBIOTICS. HAD WE HAD INTEGRATION
13 OF A PRIMARY CARE DOCTOR ON SITE I KNOW HE WOULD HAVE SEEN
14 THAT DOCTOR, AND HIS ORIGINAL NONEMERGENT CONDITION COULD HAVE
15 BEEN TREATED WITH OUTPATIENT SURGERY, AVOIDING HIS TWO YEARS
16 OF SUFFERING AND SAVING A LOT OF TAXPAYER DOLLARS. THANK YOU
17 SO MUCH.

18
19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, DOCTOR. YES, SIR.

20
21 **JAIME GARCIA:** GOOD AFTERNOON. JAIME GARCIA WITH THE HOSPITAL
22 ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. H.A.S.C., AS COMMONLY
23 KNOWN, UNDERSTANDS THE COUNTY'S INTEREST TO INTEGRATE HEALTH
24 SERVICES, MENTAL HEALTH AND PUBLIC HEALTH. DUE TO THE ABSENCE
25 OF SPECIFIC PERFORMANCE METRICS, H.A.S.C. DOES NOT HAVE A

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1 POSITION ON THIS REPORT. HOWEVER THE DOCUMENT DOES RAISE
2 QUESTIONS RELATED TO EXTERNAL SERVICES AND FUNCTIONS THAT
3 MENTAL HEALTH AND PUBLIC HEALTH PROVIDE TO ITS PRIVATE
4 PARTNERING ORGANIZATIONS. THE QUESTIONS RAISED IN OUR COMMENT
5 LETTER RELATE TO MENTAL HEALTH COUNTYWIDE RESOURCES AND
6 WHETHER THOSE RESOURCES WILL CONTINUE TO BE AVAILABLE TO
7 PRIVATE HOSPITALS UNDER A FULLY INTEGRATED MODEL OR WILL THEY
8 BE REALLOCATED? ALTHOUGH THE REPORT MENTIONS P.M.R.T. AND
9 I.M.D.S IT DOES NOT ADDRESS HOW THIS PROPOSAL WILL IMPACT
10 NONCOUNTY HOSPITALS. THE REPORT DOES RECOMMEND D.H.S. AND
11 D.M.H. TO DEVELOP A COLLECTIVE VISION FOR MANAGING EMERGENCIES
12 AND ELIMINATING DELAYS AT COUNTY AND NONCOUNTY HOSPITALS.
13 HOWEVER, THE REPORT MAKES NO MENTION OF WHETHER NONCOUNTY
14 HOSPITALS WILL HAVE A SEAT AT THE TABLE FOR THIS DISCUSSION.
15 IN TERMS OF PUBLIC HEALTH, H.A.S.C. APPRECIATES THE HEALTH
16 OFFICERS' DOTTED LINE REPORTING RELATION TO THE BOARD OF
17 SUPERVISORS. HOWEVER, IT'S UNCLEAR HOW THE PUBLIC HEALTH
18 OFFICER WILL FIT WITHIN THE HEALTH AGENCY AS IT RELATES TO
19 WORKING WITH COMMUNITY PARTNERS AND ISSUING HEALTH OFFICER
20 ORDERS. LIKE MENTAL HEALTH, NONCOUNTY HOSPITALS RELY ON PUBLIC
21 HEALTH FOR ITS LEADERSHIP ROLE IN DISASTER COORDINATION,
22 SURVEILLANCE AND CONTROL AND ITS WORK ON ADDRESSING HEALTH
23 DISPARITIES VIA THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT.
24

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU VERY MUCH,
2 DOCTOR.

3

4 **SPEAKER:** BUENOS TARDES.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WE NEED A TRANSLATOR. WE ARE GOING TO
7 LET THIS LADY SPEAK WHILE WE GET A TRANSLATOR.

8

9 **BARBARA WILSON:** GOOD AFTERNOON MY NAME IS BARBARA WILSON FROM
10 SANTA CLARITA. I WANTED TO TALK ABOUT THE MODEL WHICHEVER
11 MODEL IS ADAPTED, I RESPECTFULLY DRAW THE BOARD'S ATTENTION TO
12 THE CRITICAL AND OVERLAPPING AGENCY INVOLVEMENT WITH HOUSING
13 REGULATIONS AND THE LACK OF CONSUMER AND COMMUNICATION BETWEEN
14 FEDERAL, STATE AND COUNTY AGENCIES. I THEREFORE REQUEST THAT
15 THE BOARD CONVENE A TASKFORCE FOR HOUSING FOR PEOPLE WHO HAVE
16 DISABILITIES INCLUDING MENTAL DISABILITIES AND/OR LOW INCOME.
17 WHERE DO THEY LIVE ON AN S.S.I. BUDGET OF UNDER \$1,000 A
18 MONTH? HOUSING IS THE CRITICAL PIECE OF THE SUCCESS OF ANY
19 INTEGRATION PLAN. AND WE NEED A CONTINUUM OF DIFFERENT TYPES
20 OF HOUSING.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, MISS WILSON. YES, MA'AM.

23

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1 **WENDY CABIL:** GOOD AFTERNOON, EVERYONE. IT'S SO GLAD TO BE
2 HERE. MY FIRST TIME COMING ALL THE WAY FROM ANTELOPE VALLEY.
3 I'VE BEEN UP SINCE 5:30 IN THE MORNING.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WE DO IT VIA TELEVISION AT THE LIBRARY
6 IN LANCASTER. **WENDY CABIL:** OH, OKAY. NICE TO MEET YOU.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** NICE TO MEET YOU. WELCOME.

9

10 **WENDY CABIL:** MY NAME IS WENDY CABIL.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** START HER OVER AGAIN.

13

14 **WENDY CABIL:** MY CURRENT MEMBERSHIPS IS WITH A.V. WELLNESS
15 COALITION, A.V. HOMELESS COALITION AND N.A.M.I. ANTELOPE
16 VALLEY, ACCESS SERVICES, COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER
17 AND I HAVE BEEN THE FORMER CHAIR AND SECRETARY AND CONSULTANT
18 OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY CONSUMER COALITION WHICH IS CONSIDERED
19 A CLIENT ADVISORY BOARD. AND FORMER MEMBER OF THE NOW
20 NONEXISTING CLIENT CONGRESS ADVISORY BOARD ORGANIZED UNDER
21 D.M.H. I'M HERE AS A CONSUMER OF D.M.H. AND D.H.S. I NEED TO
22 SHARE WITH YOU FIRSTHAND EYEWITNESS ACCOUNT. IT IS AS FOLLOWS.
23 DEAR, I'M GOING TO OMIT THE NAME, IT'S A LADY. I MUST WRITE
24 YOU BEFORE I CAN SLEEP OR ELSE I'LL LOSE SLEEP THINKING ABOUT
25 HOW I SHOULD HAVE MADE TIME TO REACH OUT TO YOU AND THE LADIES

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1 PARTICIPATING IN THE WOMEN'S REINTEGRATION PROGRAM. I AN
2 ATTENDED THE MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION EXECUTIVE MEETING
3 YESTERDAY VIA PHONE AND I'VE BEEN DISTRAUGHT SINCE THIS
4 MEETING ADJOURNED. I'M APPALLED BY THE DESCRIPTIONS OF THE ILL
5 TREATMENT YOU AND THE OTHER LADIES SHARED CONCERNING YOUR
6 INTERACTIONS WITH L.A. COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH.
7 THANK YOU BOTH FOR SHARING. I APPRECIATE YOU AND THE OTHER
8 LADY FOR STANDING UP AND EXPRESSING YOUR PAIN. YOU BOTH SPOKE
9 SO ELOQUENTLY AND DISPLAYED SUCH COURAGE AND PROFESSIONALISM
10 AND RESPECTFUL TONE WHILE DETAILING THE UGLY AND RETALIATORY
11 BEHAVIOR THAT D.M.H. CONTINUES TO DEMONSTRATE TO CONSUMERS.
12 KNOW THAT YOU AND THE LADIES OF THIS PROGRAM ARE NOT ALONE AND
13 I AM THAT SOMEONE WHO'S HEARD YOU. I FELT YOUR PAIN,
14 DISAPPOINTMENT AND CONFUSION WITH D.M.H. FOR ITS ABUSIVE
15 TREATMENT AGAINST PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS FOR INVITING THE C.E.O.
16 DR. GHALY TO SPEAK WITH YOU ALL. PLEASE CORRECT ME IF I'M IN
17 ERROR, HOWEVER I RECALL THAT YOU ALL REALIZED A NEGATIVE SHIFT
18 IN YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH D.M.H. DUE TO THIS INVITATION. FOR
19 EXAMPLE, YOU ALL NO LONGER HAVE ACCESS TO YOUR COMMUNITY
20 CENTER INCLUDING THE REFRIGERATOR AND NO LONGER ALLOWED FOOD.
21 EXPERIENCING THE SUDDEN LOSS OF YOUR DIRECT SUPERVISOR WHO
22 RELOCATED CLOSER TO THE PROGRAM ONLY TO BE TRANSFERRED
23 ELSEWHERE AT A MUCH FURTHER DISTANCE AND THE ONSET OF A
24 HOSTILE ATMOSPHERE TRANSFORMING WHAT WAS CONSIDERED A SAFETY
25 NET, ET CETERA. I HATE THAT YOU ALL EXPERIENCED TRAUMA FROM

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1 THOSE WHO ARE EXPECTED TO PROVIDE SUPPORT, PROTECTION AND
2 ENCOURAGEMENT TOWARD RECOVERY. I CAN RELATE BECAUSE I ALSO
3 HAVE ENCOUNTERED SIMILAR TREATMENT ALONG WITH REBA AND
4 PLANNING COMMITTEE FOR THIS YEAR'S 16TH ANNUAL HOPE AND
5 RECOVERY CONFERENCE IN ENGLISH. I COMMEND YOU TWO LADIES FOR
6 BREAKING YOUR SILENCE. YOUR EXPERIENCES ENCOURAGED ME TO DO
7 THE SAME. I'VE GAINED STRENGTH FROM HEARING YOUR TESTIMONIES
8 IN ORDER TO TELL MY STORY AND IT IS FORTHCOMING. I PRAY FOR
9 RESTORATION FOR US ALL AND I BELIEVE THAT BRIGHTER DAYS ARE ON
10 THE HORIZON, PERHAPS IN THE FORM OF A HEALTH AGENCY CONCEPT. I
11 HOPE THAT BETTER OVERSIGHT AND ACCOUNTABILITY WOULD BE
12 INCLUDED. D.M.H. IS DEFINITELY IN NEED OF A CLEANSING. LET'S
13 KEEP THE FAITH AND UNITE AS ONE VOICE TO ENSURE CONSUMERS ARE
14 NOT ONLY BEING HEARD BUT ALSO HAVE THEIR NEEDS ADDRESSED AND
15 MET WITH EMPHASIS ON QUALITY RATHER THAN QUANTITY OF SERVICES
16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** DO WE HAVE THE INTERPRETER? OKAY RIGHT
18 HERE. SHE'S RIGHT BEFORE OUR EYES.

19

20 **SPEAKER:** FIRST OF ALL I WANT TO THANK EVERYBODY FOR ALLOWING
21 ME TO BE HERE ESPECIALLY SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR MENTIONING THE
22 IMPORTANCE OF THE CULTURE IN THIS PROCESS. THE IMPORTANCE OF
23 HAVING THE COMMUNITY SPEAK AND EXPRESS, THE IMPORTANCE OF
24 THAT. I AM BILINGUAL. BUT YOU KNOW A LARGE PRIORITY OF OUR
25 CITIZENS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY ARE BOTH BILINGUAL AND

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1 MONOLINGUAL, NOT SPEAKING ANYTHING. KEEPING CULTURAL
2 SENSITIVITY WAS SO IMPORTANT IN MOVING FORWARD. I'M SO GLAD
3 THAT THIS CONVERSATION IS FURTHER DEVELOPING. BUT
4 UNFORTUNATELY IT'S SOMETHING THAT OFTENTIMES DOESN'T HAPPEN.
5 WE DON'T ALWAYS HAVE A TRANSLATOR. OUR COMMUNITY DOESN'T
6 ALWAYS HAVE TRANSLATORS HERE, ESPECIALLY WHEN WE GO INTO THE
7 CLINICS. AND I'M GLAD THAT YOU ARE HERE AND I'M GLAD I KNEW
8 ENGLISH. BUT THE MAJORITY IS A LOT OF OUR FOLKS OUT THERE WHO
9 ARE TRYING TO GET SERVICES WILL NOT HAVE THIS LADY HERE NEXT
10 TO US. SO IT'S VERY IMPORTANT THAT AS WE MOVE FORWARD, WE DO
11 TAKE THAT AS ONE OF THE BINDING PRIORITIES MOVING FORWARD. WE
12 HAVE LARGE LATINO, SPANISH SPEAKING POPULATION IN THE COUNTRY
13 HERE IN L.A. COUNTY. WE REALLY, REALLY NEED TO MEET THE NEEDS
14 AND SERVICES OF OUR POPULATION. SO GRACIAS.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MR. SACHS.

17

18 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU, GOOD AFTERNOON, ARNOLD SACHS AND
19 I DON'T HAVE A HORSE IN THIS RACE BUT I'VE HAD PLENTY OF OTHER
20 DISAGREEMENTS WITH THE BOARD. IT WOULD BE INTERESTING TO SEE
21 HOW MANY OF THE SPEAKERS NUMBER AVERAGE OF YEARS EMPLOYED BY
22 THE COUNTY. I HEARD SOMEBODY SAY WITH REAL CONCERN AS A MATTER
23 OF FACT HEAD OF THE UNION THE CONCERN FOR THE CLIENT TO
24 PROVIDE SERVICE. YET WITH THESE NUMBER OF YEARS THAT ARE
25 CONSTANTLY BEING BROUGHT UP, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, EVEN SOMEBODY

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1 WITH 40 YEARS, YOU HEARD THE SYSTEM IS BROKE. SO HOW LONG DO
2 YOU KEEP DEALING WITH THE SAME SYSTEM THAT'S BROKE? WELL, AS
3 LONG AS I'M GETTING A PAYCHECK. [LAUGHTER.] SO MUCH CONCERN
4 FOR THE CLIENTS. THE BUDGET OF THESE THREE DEPARTMENTS IS
5 MOSTLY GENERATED FROM GRANTS FROM FEDERAL AND STATE FUNDING.
6 SO THAT REALLY SHOULDN'T PLAY INTO IT. AND HOME HEALTHCARE
7 WORKERS, WHEN YOU HAD THEM HERE, YOU HAD TO BRING IN PEOPLE
8 FROM SAN BERNARDINO TO HELP FILL THE ROOM AND PUT THEM IN
9 UNION SHIRTS. SAN BERNARDINO? THAT'S RIDICULOUS.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET ME SAY I WANT TO THANK EVERYBODY
12 WHO'S COME DOWN AND PARTICIPATED AND THE BOARDS AND THEIR
13 STAFFS AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL
14 HEALTH, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH. ALL COMING TOGETHER ON
15 THESE ISSUES, BOTH THE PROS AND THE CONS SO WE CAN COME UP
16 WITH A REASONABLE SOLUTION TO A PROBLEM. LET ME JUST SAY THE
17 MOTION SPECIFICALLY ONCE AGAIN SPECIFICALLY ESTABLISHES AN
18 ADVISORY BOARD CONSISTING OF MEMBERS FROM THE MENTAL HEALTH
19 COMMISSION, THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSION, THE HOSPITAL AND
20 HEALTHCARE DELIVERY COMMISSION, THE COMMISSION ON ALCOHOL AND
21 OTHER DRUGS, THE COMMISSION ON H.I.V., CONSUMERS AND AGAIN
22 DEPARTMENT MEMBERS FROM THE ORGANIZED LABOR
23 ORGANIZATIONS WILL HAVE REPRESENTATION. I KNOW A NUMBER OF
24 PEOPLE SPOKE ABOUT HAVING THE COMMISSIONS INVOLVED. THEY ARE
25 GOING TO BE INVOLVED AND THE PUBLIC IS INVOLVED. ALSO THIS IS

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1 AGAIN PROVIDING A SINGLE MEDICAL HEALTHCARE RECORD SYSTEM. ONE
2 OF THE PROBLEMS YOU'VE ALWAYS HAD WAS MEDICAL RECORDS FROM
3 VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS GET LOST OR THEY ARE NOT ABLE TO BE
4 ACCESSED WHEN YOU'RE BEING TREATED FROM ONE DEPARTMENT TO
5 ANOTHER. AND THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO RESOLVE THAT. AND AS WAS
6 MENTIONED TECONOMY OF SCALE AND THE PURCHASING OF DRUGS,
7 PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS IS GOING TO BE ABLE TO BE DONE QUICKER
8 AND MORE ECONOMICALLY WHICH ALLOWS MORE RESOURCES TO BE
9 PROVIDING SERVICES FOR THOSE INDIVIDUALS BEING SERVED. BUT
10 IT'S A REFORM THAT WILL ENHANCE THE TREATMENT AND CARE AND
11 THAT'S WHY WE'RE MOVING FORWARD ON THAT. BUT AGAIN WE HAVE
12 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND BEING SENSITIVE TO ALL OF OUR ETHNIC
13 COMMUNITIES THAT WILL BE SERVED BY THE AGENCY.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE:** MR. MAYOR?

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR KNABE?

18

19 **SUP. KNABE:** SO BASICALLY THIS IS COMING BACK TO US IN, WHAT?
20 30 DAYS? 30 DAYS? OR 45?

21

22 **INTERIM C.E.O. SACHI HAMAI:** THAT WOULD BE ACCORDING TO THE
23 MOTION ON THE TABLE, THAT WOULD BE THE ORDINANCE PIECE.

24

25 **SUP. KNABE:** AND THEN THE STRATEGIC PLAN IS COMING BACK IN 45?

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1

2 **INTERIM C.E.O. SACHI HAMAI:** AND THEN WITHIN 45 DAYS, THAT
3 WOULD BE RETURNING ON THE STEERING COMMITTEE.

4

5 **SUP. KNABE:** SO WE'RE VOTING ON THIS BEFORE WE SEE WHAT THE
6 RESULTS ARE FROM THE STEERING COMMITTEE? IS THAT MY
7 UNDERSTANDING?

8

9 **INTERIM C.E.O. SACHI HAMAI:** NO.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE:** THE ORDINANCE SAYS 30.

12

13 **INTERIM C.E.O. SACHI HAMAI:** THE ORDINANCE IS TO CREATE-- IS
14 ONLY TO CREATE, AT LEAST AS I UNDERSTAND IT, THE POSITION FOR
15 THE DIRECTOR OF THE AGENCY.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE:** OH, FOR THAT POSITION. SO WE WILL GET ANOTHER BITE
18 AT THE APPLE AS IT RELATES TO ORGANIZATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES?
19 SEPARATE BUDGETS AND THE OTHER ISSUES THAT WERE RAISED TODAY?
20 WE'LL GET ANOTHER CRACK AT THAT, IS THAT CORRECT?

21

22 **INTERIM C.E.O. SACHI HAMAI:** WITH THE STRATEGIC PLAN IN 45
23 DAYS.

24

25 **SUP. KNABE:** WHAT? I ASKED A QUESTION.

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2 **INTERIM C.E.O. SACHI HAMAI:** YEAH, IN 45 DAYS, YES, SUPERVISOR.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS.

5

6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MAKE JUST A COUPLE OF OBSERVATIONS. I

7 INDICATED THAT I'M PREPARED TO BE SUPPORTIVE OF THE MOTION AND

8 IT'S A RESULT OF A LOT OF DIALOGUE OVER THE PAST SEVERAL

9 MONTHS, SUBSTANTIAL INPUT THAT IS TO BE RESPECTED AND I THINK

10 IT IS REFLECTED IN WHAT WE SEE BEFORE US. WHERE THE ACTION

11 ITEMS ARE LISTED HERE ON NUMBER 4, MAY I SUGGEST THAT WE BE

12 MINDFUL OF THE 4-A REFERENCE TO PROMOTING INFORMATION SHARING.

13 IN APRIL OF THIS YEAR, THE BOARD ADOPTED THE STAFF [INAUDIBLE]

14 A COUNTY-WIDE CENTRALIZED ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORD SYSTEM TO

15 IMPROVE PATIENT CARE. SO WHATEVER COMES BACK ON ITEM 4 A

16 SHOULD TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THE BOARD'S INSTRUCTIONS AND

17 THE FOLLOW UP ON THE APRIL 7TH ACTION. AND SO I TRUST THAT THE

18 CLERK, THAT IS THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER, AND THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

19 OFFICER AND THOSE WHO ARE MOVING THE IMPLEMENTATION FORWARD

20 WOULD BE MINDFUL OF THAT. IN ADDITION, MR. MAYOR, MAY I

21 SUGGEST THAT WE ADD TO POINT 4 SOME CONSIDERATION THAT HAS

22 BEEN RAISED BY SEVERAL SPEAKERS THAT COULD TAKE THE FORM OF

23 THE IMPANELING OR THE CREATION OF A COMMUNITY PREVENTION AND

24 POPULATION TASKFORCE THAT WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR REPORTING

25 TO THE BOARD THROUGH THE PROCESSES BEING ESTABLISHED WITH A

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1 PRIORITY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR HEALTH AND EQUITY AND COMMUNITY
2 WELL-BEING. I THINK THIS IS PART OF THE THINKING OF THE PUBLIC
3 HEALTH ASPECTS OF THE ITEM BEFORE US WHICH ARE ARGUABLY
4 UNDERDEVELOPED. BUT IF SUCH AN ADDITIONAL PIECE COULD BE
5 ADDED, I THINK IT STRENGTHENS WHAT'S BEFORE US FOR A TASKFORCE
6 THAT FOCUSES ON THE COMMUNITY PREVENTION. THE WORK OF THE
7 EPIDEMIOLOGY THAT I THINK IS GOING TO BE ULTIMATELY VERY
8 HELPFUL AND FROM A PUBLIC HEALTH PERSPECTIVE, MR. MAYOR, AND I
9 WOULD ASK THAT THAT BE INCLUDED IN THE ITEM BEFORE US.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

12

13 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** MOST EVERYONE WHO CAME HERE TO TESTIFY HAS
14 LEFT. AND I DON'T KNOW THAT THEY WOULD EVER HEAR ANY THANKS TO
15 IT, BUT I WANTED TO ASSURE EVERYONE STILL LEFT HERE THAT
16 THOUGH WE SOMETIMES LOOK A LITTLE TIRED LISTENING TO 200
17 PEOPLE SPEAK, WE REALLY ARE LISTENING. AND WHEN I VOTE, I WILL
18 MAKE HALF OF THE PEOPLE WHO TESTIFIED FEEL AS THOUGH THEY WERE
19 HEARD AND THE OTHER HALF FEEL AS THOUGH THEY WEREN'T HEARD NO
20 MATTER HOW I VOTE, WHICH IS ALWAYS THE WAY WHEN YOU MAKE A
21 DECISION IN A DIFFICULT ARENA. BUT I DO WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE
22 THAT THOSE WHO SPOKE AGAINST INTEGRATION AND I INTEND TO VOTE
23 FOR THE MOTION HAVE MADE VERY STRONG POINTS WHICH WILL INFORM
24 THE WAY THAT WE PURSUE THIS SHOULD IT PASS IN THE FUTURE. I
25 BELIEVE THAT WE'RE ALL PRETTY MUCH ON THE SAME PAGE ABOUT

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1 WANTING TO DELIVER THE BEST POSSIBLE RESULTS RELATED TO WHAT
2 WE REFERRED TO IN THREE DIFFERENT ARENAS AS PHYSICAL HEALTH,
3 MENTAL HEALTH AND PUBLIC HEALTH, WHICH I'VE ALWAYS SEEN AS
4 JUST MY BODY. AND I WANT TO CONTINUE TO WORK WITH THOSE, WITH
5 THE SKEPTICS AND THE BELIEVERS, NOT ONLY ON THIS OF COURSE,
6 BUT ON ALL OF THE MAJOR ISSUES THAT WE'RE ADDRESSING. AND
7 AGAIN I SINCERELY THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING. I DON'T WANT
8 YOU EVER TO FEEL THAT YOU'RE NOT HEARD. 14 YEARS IN
9 SACRAMENTO, I LOST THREE QUARTERS OF ALL THE BILLS THAT I
10 BROUGHT. BUT THE ONES THAT I DIDN'T LOSE MADE A DIFFERENCE.
11 AND IT'S REALLY THE SAME WITH YOU. YOUR WORK IS INFORMING WHAT
12 WE DO IN TRYING TO IMPROVE THE HEALTH OF ALL THE 10 MILLION.
13 AND AGAIN I THANK YOU. THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. WE HAVE A MOTION, A SECOND.
16 ANY OBJECTION? AS AMENDED, YES. SUPERVISOR KNABE?

17

18 **SUP. KNABE:** I DON'T OBJECT TO MOVING FORWARD. I DO HAVE SOME
19 CONCERNS UNTIL I SEE STRUCTURALLY THAT THE PROTECTIONS OF THE
20 BUDGET AND THE INDEPENDENCY. SO I'M INCLINED TO ABSTAIN UNTIL
21 SUCH TIME AS THAT STRATEGIC PLAN COMES BACK. I'M SUPPORTIVE OF
22 THE INTEGRATION, BUT THE DEVIL'S IN THE DETAILS. AND WHILE
23 WE'VE HAD A LOT OF DETAILS TODAY, WE'VE ALSO HAD A LOT OF
24 DETAILED QUESTIONS OF CONCERNS AND DIFFERENCES. AND I THINK
25 THOSE STILL NEED TO BE ANSWERED. SO WHILE I'D LIKE TO GIVE IT

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1 A YES VOTE BECAUSE I DO BELIEVE IN THE INTEGRATION, I REALLY
2 WANT TO SEE THE STRATEGIC PLAN IN 45 DAYS AND TO MOVE FORWARD
3 BASED ON THAT INFORMATION. BECAUSE, YOU KNOW, WE HAD THE THREE
4 DIRECTORS UP HERE AND THERE WAS OBVIOUSLY NOT THE BEST
5 COMMUNICATION BUT IT'S GETTING BETTER. AND SO THEY'RE GOING TO
6 BE PART OF THAT FURTHER COMMUNICATION. I ASSUME WILL BE PART
7 OF THE STRATEGIC PLAN, AM I CORRECT?

8

9 **INTERIM C.E.O. SACHI HAMAI:** CORRECT.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE:** SO I WOULD ABSTAIN AT THIS POINT AND WAIT TO SEE
12 THE DETAILS.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THE MOTION CARRIES 4-0-1 WITH
15 SUPERVISOR KNABE ABSTAINING. SO ORDERED.

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. ITEM NO. 12 ITEM 12 WAS
20 HELD BY SUPERVISOR KNABE AND MYSELF. WE ARE BOTH ABSTAINING ON
21 ITEM NO. 12. SO MOTION BY SUPERVISOR--

22

23 **SUP. KNABE:** MR. MAYOR, I WOULD HAVE MY COMMENTS MY ONLY REASON
24 FOR ABSTAINING IS I WANTED TO CLARIFY. EACH ONE OF THESE WHILE
25 THE INTENT IS GOOD ARE VERY, VERY BROAD. AND THE ACTUAL

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1 LEGISLATION DETAILS, THE LEGISLATIVE DETAILS HAVE NOT BEEN
2 WRITTEN YET. AND SO I WOULD JUST ABSTAIN ON ITEM NO. 12. VOTE
3 A YES ON 13 BUT ABSTAINING ON ITEM NO. 12.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SO MOTION BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS.
6 SECOND BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL. SUPERVISOR KNABE AND I ABSTAINING.
7 SO ORDERED. ITEM NO. 4 THAT WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR KNABE.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE:** I THINK I HELD THAT ITEM LAST WEEK. IT'S BEEN A
10 LONG TIME. LET ME GO BACK AND REFRESH MY MEMORY.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THE COUNTY IS A LEADER IN MANDATING
13 SAFE AND PROPER COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF ELECTRONIC WASTE,
14 SUCH AS CELL PHONES, TELEVISION, COMPUTERS, PRINTERS,
15 HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE INCLUDING USED MOTOR OIL AND PAINT.
16 USING THIS MODEL WE COULD BUILD A ROBUST PHARMACEUTICAL
17 TAKEBACK PROGRAM FOR THE COUNTY. COUNTY RESIDENTS HAVE EVERY
18 OPPORTUNITY TO SAFELY AND CONVENIENTLY DISPOSE OF PRESCRIPTION
19 AND OVER-THE-COUNTER DRUGS. ACCORDING TO THE KAISER FAMILY
20 FOUNDATION, THERE'S APPROXIMATELY \$7.5 BILLION IN
21 PHARMACEUTICAL SALES IN THE COUNTY ANNUALLY STORING UNWANTED
22 AND UNUSED MEDICINES IN THE HOME PROVIDES A READY SUPPLY FOR
23 ACCIDENTAL POISONING, PRESCRIPTION DRUG ABUSE AND IF THEY
24 DISPOSE OF IT IN A TOILET, IT GOES INTO THE WATER SYSTEM.
25 FLUSHING MEDICATION DOWN THE TOILET HAS LED TO TRACE LEVELS OF

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1 DRUG RESIDUES FOUND IN SURFACE WATER SUCH AS RIVERS AND LAKES
2 AND IN SOME COMMUNITY DRINKING WATER SUPPLIES. THE F.D.A.
3 STATES THAT COMMUNITY-BASED TAKEBACK PROGRAMS OFFER THE BEST
4 SOLUTION FOR DISPOSING OF UNUSED MEDICINE. THE MOTION REQUESTS
5 THAT THE PHARMACEUTICAL WORKING GROUP MADE UP OF COUNTY
6 DEPARTMENTS DRAFT AN EXTENDED PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY
7 ORDINANCE. THEY WOULD WORK CLOSELY WITH MANUFACTURERS AND
8 PRODUCERS TO DEVELOP THIS ORDINANCE. IT WOULD NOT BURDEN ONE
9 PARTICULAR MANUFACTURER OR PRODUCER WITH SOLE RESPONSIBILITY
10 BUT WOULD REQUIRE THAT ALL STAKEHOLDERS PLAY A ROLE IN FINDING
11 A SOLUTION. THE COUNTY'S PAINT TAKEBACK PROGRAM IS A POSITIVE
12 EXAMPLE OF SUCCESSFUL COLLABORATION BETWEEN GOVERNMENT AND
13 PRIVATE INDUSTRY ASSURING THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE ORDINANCE IS
14 TRANSPARENT AND STAKEHOLDERS ARE ACTIVELY ENGAGED THROUGHOUT
15 THE PROCESS.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE:** MR. MAYOR, I FINALLY DISCOVERED FROM A COUPLE DAYS
18 AGO WHY I HELD IT. NO I'M JUST KIDDING. I JUST WANTED TO ADD A
19 FRIENDLY AMENDMENT THAT THE STAKEHOLDER PROCESS OCCUR BEFORE
20 THE ORDINANCE IS DRAFTED. THANK YOU.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WE HAVE SOME PUBLIC COMMENT I JUST
23 FOUND OUT. DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. KREIGH HEMPEL. HEIDI
24 SANBORN. BRANDON STEPHENSON. HAL DASH. CARLOS GUTIERREZ. ONE

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1 MINUTE EACH, PLEASE. JUST GIVE YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD BEFORE
2 YOU SPEAK.

3

4 **HEIDI SANBORN:** I'M HEIDI SANBORN. I'M WITH THE CALIFORNIA
5 PRODUCT STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL. WE SUPPORT THE MOTION. C.P.S.C.
6 IS THE THOUGHT LEADER IN CALIFORNIA FOR POLICIES WHERE
7 PRODUCERS SHARE IN RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE END OF LIFE FOR
8 THEIR PRODUCTS. PRODUCERS SHARING IN THAT RESPONSIBILITY
9 CREATES EFFICIENCIES, CROSS EFFECTIVENESS AND CONVENIENCE FOR
10 THE CONSUMERS. AN EXAMPLE YOU MENTIONED WAS PAINT. YOU CAN NOW
11 RETURN YOUR PAINT TO RETAILERS ALL OVER THE STATE. THE
12 PUBLIC'S EDUCATED STATEWIDE. AND THAT PROGRAM IS SAVING LOCAL
13 GOVERNMENT MILLIONS OF DOLLARS INCLUDING THIS COUNTY OF
14 \$800,000 A YEAR. MEDICINES ARE MANAGED BUY PRODUCERS IN MANY
15 COUNTRIES INCLUDING IN CANADA, MEXICO, COLOMBIA, BRAZIL AND
16 MOST OF EUROPE. IT WORKS VERY WELL. I'VE SEEN IT FIRSTHAND.
17 MEXICO NOW HAS 3,739 PHARMACIES THAT ARE COLLECTING MEDICINES
18 FROM THE PUBLIC. SO WHY NOT IN L.A. OR IN CALIFORNIA? FOR TWO
19 YEARS WE'VE HAD BILLS IN THE LEGISLATURE TO TRY TO GET A
20 STATEWIDE PROGRAM AND THEY FAILED SO WE ARE HERE TODAY FOR
21 THIS ORDINANCE. AND NOW THIS IS THE 7TH COUNTY THAT IS
22 ACTUALLY CONSIDERING THIS PATH. FIVE ARE PASSED ALREADY AND
23 MARIN PASSED THIS MORNING. THE COSTS OF THESE PROGRAMS IN
24 BRITISH COLUMBIA IS LESS THAN \$1,000 PER PHARMACY PER YEAR AND
25 THEY'VE BEEN DOING THIS NOW FOR 15 YEARS AND THEY HAVE 94

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1 PERCENT OF THE PHARMACIES PARTICIPATING SO IT'S EXTREMELY
2 CONVENIENT TO THE CONSUMERS. THE ALAMEDA COURT CASE WENT TO
3 THE SUPREME COURT AND ALAMEDA SUCCESSFULLY DEFENDED, IT WAS
4 STIPULATED THAT \$330,000 A YEAR TO \$1.2 MILLION A YEAR WOULD
5 BE THE COST OF THE PROGRAM AND FOUND TO BE NO BURDEN.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU.

8

9 **KREIGH HEMPEL:** MY NAME IS KREIGH HEMPEL. I'M A BOARD MEMBER
10 OF THE CALIFORNIA PRODUCTS STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL. I'D JUST LIKE
11 TO GIVE YOU AN IDEA WHAT IT'S LIKR FOR THE WORKERS IN
12 RECYCLING PLANTS TO BE SORTING MATERIALS WHEN NEEDLES AND
13 PHARMACEUTICALS ARE IN THOSE MIXES. WE'VE HAD A NUMBER OF
14 WORKERS STUCK WITH NEEDLES. WE COLLECT HUNDREDS OF POUNDS OF
15 THEM, AND WE'D SURE LIKE SOME HELP WITH THIS. PRODUCER
16 RESPONSIBILITY IS A GREAT WAY TO GO ON THIS. IT SPREADS THE
17 RESPONSIBILITY. AND THE COSTS. CONSUMERS WHO ARE USING THE
18 PROGRAMS ARE PAYING IT UP FRONT. WE HAVE REALLY GOOD EXPERTISE
19 IN THE MANUFACTURERS WHO ARE MAKING THESE PRODUCTS. THEY KNOW
20 EXACTLY WHAT'S IN THEM AND HOW TO HANDLE THOSE. SO WE'RE VERY
21 HAPPY TO INVITE OPEN DIALOGUES AND MOVE THIS FORWARD. I'D LIKE
22 TO GIVE YOU ONE EXAMPLE. HERE IS ONE PRODUCT THAT'S MADE BY A
23 MANUFACTURER. IT'S VERY CHEAP TO MANUFACTURE. THIS IS A
24 TAKEBACK PACKAGE WHERE NEEDLES COME OUT OF THE BOTTOM AND THEN

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1 THEY GO INTO A SAFE COLLECTION ON TOP. IT'S VERY SIMPLE, CHEAP
2 AND IT WORKS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ALSO THE EMERGENCY ROOMS HAVE
5 SOMETHING SIMILAR TO THAT WHERE THEY DISPOSE OF THE
6 INSTRUMENTS.

7

8 **KREIGH HEMPEL.:** THIS CAN GO HOME WITH PEOPLE.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. YES, SIR. I HAVE ALREADY CALLED
11 SOME PEOPLE, AS WELL, THAT ARE SITTING THERE IF THEY WANT TO
12 COME UP. YES, SIR. YOU'RE NEXT.

13

14 **CARLOS GUTIERREZ:** THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR, MY NAME IS CARLOS
15 GUTIERREZ. I AM THE SENIOR DIRECTOR AND HEAD OF STATE
16 GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS FOR THE CONSUMER HEALTHCARE PRODUCTS
17 ASSOCIATION, WASHINGTON, D.C. WE ARE THE TRADE ORGANIZATION
18 REPRESENTING THE OVER-THE-COUNTER PHARMACEUTICAL
19 MANUFACTURERS. COMING IN TODAY, WE HAD SOME BIG CONCERNS WITH
20 THE ORIGINAL MOTION. I DO THINK AND I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR
21 KNABE. I THINK HIS FRIENDLY AMENDMENT COULD CLEAN THAT UP. WE
22 AGREE THAT CONSUMERS OUGHT TO KNOW THE APPROPRIATE WAY TO
23 DISPOSE OF THEIR MEDICATIONS BUT WE DO THINK THAT WE NEED TO
24 CONVENE STAKEHOLDERS TO DECIDE WHAT THAT ULTIMATE DECISION
25 MIGHT BE. WE SUPPORT THAT AND THANK YOU FOR IT.

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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. HAL DASH. SUSANNE
3 PASSANTINO. SCOTT SHEPARD. SHARON GREEN. YES, SIR.

4

5 **BRANDON STEPHENSON:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MR. MAYOR AND HONORABLE
6 SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS BRANDON STEPHNSON I'M WITH SORRELL
7 ASSOCIATES. I'M HERE TODAY REPRESENTING THE PHARMACEUTICAL
8 RESEARCH AND MANUFACTURERS OF AMERICA, ALSO KNOWN AS PHARMA.
9 THANK YOU FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY. PHARMA IS THE TRADE
10 ASSOCIATION OF THE RESEARCH-BASED PHARMACEUTICAL AND BIOTECH
11 COMPANIES WHICH ARE COMMITTED TO INVENTING TREATMENTS TO ALLOW
12 PATIENTS TO LIVE LONGER HEALTHIER LIVES. WE'D GREATLY
13 APPRECIATE SUPERVISOR KNABE'S FRIENDLY AMENDMENT AND ENCOURAGE
14 THE BOARD TO ADOPT IT BECAUSE WE FEEL THAT IT MAKES MORE SENSE
15 TO CONVENE STAKEHOLDER MEETINGS, FIND OUT BEST PRACTICES, THEN
16 DRAFT AN ORDINANCE SO THAT THE COUNTY COULD IMPLEMENT A
17 PROGRAM THAT WILL ACTUALLY ACHIEVE THE RESULTS THAT IT'S
18 LOOKING FOR AND TANGIBLE RESULTS, AT THAT. I HAVE A LETTER
19 DETAILING SOME OF-- THANK YOU-- SOME OF PHARMA'S PERSPECTIVES
20 FROM THEIR PAST EXPERIENCE AND SOME COMPLEXITIES THAT WILL GO
21 ALONG WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAM. BUT THE INDUSTRY
22 LOOKS FORWARD TO WORKING WITH THE COUNTY AS WELL AS OTHER
23 HEALTHCARE STAKEHOLDERS IN THE DRUG DELIVERY PROCESS TO WORK
24 WITH THE COUNTY ON THIS ISSUE. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

25

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. YES, SIR.

2

3 **SCOTT SHEPARD:** MR. MAYOR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. MY NAME IS
4 SCOTT SHEPARD. I'M THE AREA SALES MANAGER FOR REPUBLIC
5 SERVICES. REPUBLIC SERVICES IS ONE OF THE LARGEST SOLID WASTE
6 AND RECYCLING SERVICES PROVIDER IN THE NATION OPERATING IN 39
7 STATES AND PUERTO RICO, SERVICING ALMOST 15 MILLION CUSTOMERS
8 NATIONWIDE. LOCALLY HERE WE ARE PROUD TO BE ONE OF THE LARGEST
9 PROVIDERS OF SOLID WASTE RECYCLING SERVICES IN LOS ANGELES
10 COUNTY, SERVICING ALMOST 30 EXCLUSIVE FRANCHISE CITIES
11 INCLUDING FIVE OF THE COUNTY'S GARBAGE DISPOSAL DISTRICTS AND
12 SERVICING AS A NONEXCLUSIVE PROVIDER FOR THE L.A. COUNTY
13 COMMERCIAL FRANCHISE. I'M HERE TODAY ON BEHALF OF REPUBLIC
14 SERVICES TO SPEAK IN SUPPORT OF THE MOTION BEFORE YOU.
15 REPUBLIC SERVICES SUPPORTS A CAREFULLY DRAFTED ORDINANCE THAT
16 WILL REQUIRE MANUFACTURERS AND PRODUCERS OF PRESCRIPTION AND
17 NONPRODUCTION DRUGS AND SHARPS TO DEVELOP SUSTAINABLE TAKEBACK
18 PROGRAMS TO COLLECT AND DISPOSE OF UNUSED, UNWANTED
19 PHARMACEUTICALS AND SHARPS WASTE FROM COUNTY RESIDENTS. WE
20 HAVE SIGNIFICANT STAKE IN SEEING THIS PROGRAM BE SUCCESSFUL.
21 WE ARE VERY CONCERNED ABOUT OUR WORKERS, THEIR HEALTH AND
22 SAFETY IS OUR UTMOST PRIORITY. A TAKEBACK ORDINANCE WOULD
23 ENHANCE SAFETY FOR OUR REFUSE COLLECTION AND RECYCLING STAFF,
24 THE STAFF OF OUR MATERIALS RECOVERY FACILITIES AS WELL AS OUR
25 LANDFILL FACILITIES.

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1

2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MR. DASH.

3

4 **HAL DASH:** MR. MAYOR, SUPERVISORS, HAL DASH, REPRESENTING
5 PHARMA. PHARMA IS NOT OPPOSED TO AN L.A. COUNTY DRUG TAKEBACK
6 PROGRAM BUT ALL STAKEHOLDERS MUST BE AT THE TABLE DEVELOPING
7 AND FUNDING THIS PROGRAM. AND NOT JUST PUTTING A \$20 TO \$30
8 MILLION TAB ON ONE INDUSTRY. PHARMA WILL DO ITS SHARE. BUT WE
9 NEED THE INVOLVEMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT, HOSPITALS, DRUG
10 STORES, TRASH HAULERS AND AN INFORMED PUBLIC. THE FINANCIAL
11 COST MUST BE SPREAD AROUND EQUITABLY AND PARTICIPATION MUST BE
12 WIDESPREAD OR THE PROGRAM WILL FAIL. ALAMEDA HAS NOT COLLECTED
13 ONE NEEDLE OR ONE PILL IN 18 MONTHS. THE LAW ENFORCEMENT, THE
14 SHERIFFS ARE JUST GETTING ON A PROGRAM TO DO A PILOT PROGRAM
15 FOR ONE YEAR BECAUSE NO OTHER ENTITY STEPPED UP TO THE PLATE.
16 NO DRUG STORES, NO TRASH HAULERS, NOBODY ELSE. AND EVEN THOUGH
17 THERE WAS LITIGATION FILED BY PHARMA FOR 18 MONTHS THEY HAD
18 BEEN FUNDING STAFF, ADMINISTRATION AND SOME EDUCATION AND
19 OUTREACH WHILE THE LITIGATION WAS GOING ON. SO NOW THERE WILL
20 BE A PROGRAM USING LAW ENFORCEMENT FOR A ONE YEAR PILOT TO SEE
21 HOW IT WORKS. SO PHARMA'S COMMITTED TO A FAIR AND EQUITABLE
22 PROCESS AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH ALL OF YOU. THANK
23 YOU.

24

25 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** YES, MA'AM.

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1

2 **SHARON GREEN:** I'M SHARON GREEN WITH THE SANITATION DISTRICTS
3 OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. I'M HERE FOR GRACE HYDE OUR CHIEF
4 ENGINEER AND GENERAL MANAGER. I WOULD LIKE TO REGISTER OUR
5 STRONG SUPPORT FOR THE MOTIONAND URGE YOU TO MOVE FORWARD WITH
6 AN ORDINANCE. THANK YOU.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, MA'AM. OKAY. WE HAVE A
9 MOTION AND A SECOND. SUPERVISOR SOLIS WITH SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
10 THOMAS ABSTAINING. SO ORDERED. THANK YOU. ITEM NO. 20, I
11 SHOULD SAY 28. IS DEAN LOGAN HERE? 28? THIS IS A \$5 PLUS
12 MILLION DOLLARS CONTRACT, BUT THE BOARD'S CONCERN WAS THERE
13 WAS ONLY ONE BID HAD BEEN SUBMITTED AND I ASKED WHY ONLY ONE
14 AT THAT TIME. AND THE RESPONSE WAS THAT A COUPLE OF THE
15 APPLICANTS DID NOT QUALIFY. AND MY QUESTION IS WHY DIDN'T THE
16 DEPARTMENT CONTACT THE MAJOR VENDORS WHO DO THIS TYPE OF VOTE-
17 BY-MAIL PROCESS IN THE OTHER LARGE MUNICIPAL STATES TO
18 ENCOURAGE THEM TO HAVE PARTICIPATED IN THE R.F.P. PROCESS?

19

20 **DEAN LOGAN:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MAYOR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, DEAN
21 LOGAN, REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK. MR. MAYOR, YOU'LL
22 RECALL THE FIRST TIME THIS WAS BEFORE YOUR BOARD, THAT ISSUE
23 WAS RAISED AND THAT WAS ONE OF THE REASONS FOR THE RE-BID. THE
24 VENDORS WHO PROVIDE THESE SERVICES IN THE OTHER LARGE
25 JURISDICTIONS AROUND THE COUNTRY, THE LARGEST BEING KING

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1 COUNTY, SEATTLE AS WELL AS MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON FOR VOTE
2 BY MAIL JURISDICTIONS, THEY WERE INCLUDED IN THE ORIGINAL
3 SOLICITATION. THERE WERE SOME QUESTIONS ABOUT WHETHER OR NOT
4 THEY RECEIVED THE NOTICE TIMELY. WE KNOW AT LEAST ONE VENDOR
5 THAT CONTACTED US AND SAID THAT THEY HAD NOT RECEIVED THE
6 NOTICE TIMELY. AT THAT RESULTED IN THE MOTION THAT LED TO THE
7 RE-BID. WE DID EXTENSIVE OUTREACH ON THE RE-BID INCLUDING
8 ADVERTISING IN NEWSPAPERS, ON SOCIAL MEDIA, CONTACTING THOSE
9 COMPANIES DIRECTLY. ULTIMATELY THERE WERE FOUR VENDORS WHO
10 CAME TO THE WALK-THROUGH FOR THE BID, THREE THAT SUBMITTED
11 PROPOSALS AND THE CONTRACT THAT IS BEFORE YOU TODAY REPRESENTS
12 THE LOWEST BID.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE:** MR. MAYOR, CAN I ASK A QUESTION, PLEASE? DEAN,
15 WHAT IS THE IMPACT ON S.B.450? VOTE BY MAIL PROPOSAL, RIGHT?
16 WHAT IS THE IMPACT OF THAT ON THIS PROCESS?

17

18 **DEAN LOGAN:** SUPERVISOR KNABE, S.B.450, WHICH IS A BILL THAT IS
19 CURRENTLY BEFORE THE LEGISLATURE THAT PROPOSES-- IT ACTUALLY
20 HAS BECOME A TWO-YEAR BILL AND WILL BE HEARD IN COMMITTEE IN
21 JANUARY. IT IS A BILL THAT PROPOSES MOVING TO A MODEL OF
22 VOTING OPTIONS SIMILAR TO THE STATE OF COLORADO IN WHICH YOU
23 HAVE A HYBRID WHERE ALL VOTERS ARE MAILED A VOTE BY MAIL
24 BALLOT BUT THEY ALSO HAVE THE OPTION OF GOING TO A VOTE
25 CENTER. IF THAT BILL PASSES AND IF L.A. COUNTY CHOOSES TO

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1 ADOPT THAT METHOD RIGHT NOW, THE BILL'S DRAFT IS A LOCAL
2 OPTION. IF THAT WERE TO BE THE CASE, I WOULD IMAGINE THAT WE
3 WOULD RE-BID THIS CONTRACT BECAUSE IT FUNDAMENTALLY CHANGES
4 THE PERSPECTIVE. RIGHT NOW WE ARE TALKING ABOUT 2 MILLION
5 VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOTS. UNDER THAT SCENARIO WE'D BE TALKING
6 ABOUT 5 OR 6 MILLION VOTE BY MAIL BALLOTS. SO IT WOULD
7 FUNDAMENTALLY CHANGE THE OPERATION AND WE WOULD REBID THAT AS
8 A NEW PROGRAM.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE:** DID YOU GIVE CONSIDERATION IN POSSIBLY CONTINUING
11 THIS MONTH-TO-MONTH WITH THE CURRENT VENDOR AND WAITIG TO SEE
12 THE OUTCOME?

13

14 **DEAN LOGAN:** THE CURRENT CONTRACT HAS ACTUALLY EXCEEDED ALL ITS
15 EXTENSIONS AND ACTUALLY, IT HAD EXTENDED--

16

17 **SUP. KNABE:** I MEAN THE BOARD CAN GO MONTH-TO-MONTH. WE'VE DONE
18 THAT IN THE PAST WHEN ANOTHER CONTRACT SHOULD CLOSE OUT. DID
19 YOU CONSIDER THAT OPTION BASED ON THE FACT YOU GOT S.B.450
20 HANGING OVER YOUR HEAD?

21

22 **DEAN LOGAN:** WE DID NOT CONSIDER THAT BECAUSE S.B. 450 IS STILL
23 IN PROCESS. AND AT THE TIME THAT WE DID THE ORIGINAL BID,
24 THERE WASN'T EVEN A BILL DRAFT ON THAT.

25

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1 **SUP. KNABE:** I UNDERSTAND AT THE TIME. I'M TALKING ABOUT NOW,
2 BECAUSE YOU SAID IF S.B.450 GOES THROUGH YOU'D PROBABLY REBID
3 THIS CONTRACT, CORRECT?

4

5 **DEAN LOGAN:** IF 450 PASSED AND IF YOUR BOARD ADOPTED THE LOCAL
6 OPTION. I DO THINK THAT REALISTICALLY THAT'S STILL PROBABLY
7 EVEN IF IT PASSES, IT'S PROBABLY 2018-2019 BEFORE WE PURSUE
8 THAT. BUT IT'S CERTAINLY SOMETHING THAT WE COULD CONSIDER.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE:** THAT WOULD BE FAR OFF THAN NOT. IT MIGHT IMPACT
11 YOUR NEW OVERALL SYSTEM. MIGHT BE MOVING TOWARDS THAT. OKAY.
12 THANK YOU.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WE HAVE ONE SPEAKER, MR. PREVEN.

15

16 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** I HAD A QUESTION, THOUGH, MR. MAYOR, IF I
17 MIGHT.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR SHEILA KUEHL, I'M SORRY.

20

21 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** I WANT TO CLARIFY IT, I THINK YOU WENT BY
22 REALLY FAST. IF THAT BILL WHICH IS TWO-YEAR BILL NOW.

23

24 **SUP. KNABE:** I THINK IT COMES TO COMMITTEE IN JANUARY.

25

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1 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** IT WOULDN'T GO INTO EFFECT IN JANUARY. IT
2 WOULD SIMPLY COME BACK TO GET OUT OF THE HOUSE OF ORIGIN IN
3 JANUARY AND THEN BE VOTED ON DURING 2016 TO GO INTO EFFECT IF
4 IT WERE PASSED JANUARY OF 2017.

5

6 **DEAN LOGAN:** WELL ACTUALLY, THE BILL AS DRAFTED TODAY, AND OF
7 COURSE, THIS COULD CHANGE, WOULD NOT-- THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF
8 THE BILL IS 2018. THAT WOULD BE THE TIME THE COUNTY COULD OPT
9 IN IS IN 2018.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE:** THAT WOULDN'T IMPACT US BECAUSE WE GOT THE BIG
12 SYSTEM COMING DOWN THE ROAD.

13

14 **DEAN LOGAN:** CORRECT.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** BEFORE MR. PREVEN SPEAKS, LET'S
17 INTRODUCE ASSEMBLYMAN SEBASTIAN RIDLEY-THOMAS ALL THE WAY FROM
18 SACRAMENTO. [APPLAUSE] ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU. MR. PREVEN.

19

20 **ERIC PREVEN:** THANK YOU. IT IS ERIC PREVEN COUNTY RESIDENT FROM
21 DISTRICT 3. AND I NOTICED THE LACK OF COMPETITIVE BIDDING ON
22 THIS ONE OR THE LACK OF PARTICIPANTS, AS WELL. AND THE OTHER
23 ITEM THAT CAUGHT MY ATTENTION WAS-- AND THIS COMES UP WITH
24 SOME OF THESE CONTRACTS WHERE WE PROVIDE FOR A 10 PERCENT
25 UPCHARGE IF NECESSARY. NOW, HERE WE ARE THE RESIDENTS OF L.A.

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1 COUNTY AND WE'RE LOOKING AT A POSSIBLE INCREASE IN VOTE- BY-
2 MAIL PARTICIPATION. I MEAN, WE HAVE BEEN STRUGGLING MIGHTILY
3 AS WE ALL KNOW AT GETTING VOTERS ENGAGED IN THIS PROCESS. I
4 WAS WONDERING IF WE COULD CONCEIVE OF THIS KIND OF A PROJECT
5 WHERE THE 500,000 THAT WOULD BE THE ADDITIONAL 10 PERCENT
6 COULD BE REMOVED FROM THE CONTRACT AND EARMARKED, INSTEAD,
7 SINCE WE HAVE OBVIOUSLY THE FUNDS THERE, FOR DEBATES. WHY?
8 BECAUSE IN OUR MARKET, AS SOME OF THE SUPERVISORS CAN
9 APPRECIATE OR THOSE WHO HAVE RUN FOR CITY COUNCIL, THERE'S A
10 SHORTAGE OF LEVEL PLAYING FIELD DEBATES THAT ARE ON
11 TELEVISION. IN FACT, I DON'T EVEN KNOW IF EVEN THOUGH
12 SUPERVISOR KUEHL WON HANDILY THIS ELECTION, I'M NOT SURE THAT
13 THERE WERE ANY TELEVISED DEBATES. THERE WAS ONE THAT WAS
14 QUASI- TELEVISED. A.B.C. PROVIDED SOME KIND OF AN INTERNET
15 LINK. I DO THINK AT \$75,000 BUCKS A DEBATE, IT WOULD BE A GOOD
16 IDEA TO ROLL OUT I KNOW YOU ARE FOCUSED ON FIXING IT UP
17 ESPECIALLY FIFTH DISTRICT.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU.

20

21 **ERIC PREVEN:** THANK YOU, SIR.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WE HAVE A MOTION BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL.
24 SECONDED. ANY OBJECTION? SO ORDERED. THANK YOU.

25

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1 **SUP. KNABE:** MR. MAYOR COULD I JUST INTERJECT WITH SOME GOOD
2 NEWS AFTER THIS LONG AFTERNOON? I JUST GOT WORD THAT WE JUST
3 HAD OUR 133RD SAVE. SAFE SURRENDER BABY. ABANDONED BABY WAS
4 SURRENDERED THIS AFTERNOON AT A HOSPITAL HERE IN LOS ANGELES..
5 NO. 133. CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF YOU.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ABSOLUTELY. GOD BLESS. OKAY. ITEM NO.
8 9. I HAD HELD THAT AND DO WE HAVE SOMEBODY HERE FROM PARKS?
9 THEY ARE COMING HERE? GOOD AFTERNOON. QUESTIONS. WHAT ARE THE
10 OPEN SPACE DISTRICT'S ADMINISTRATIVE FUNDS TYPICALLY USED FOR?

11

12 **RUSS GUINEY:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MAYOR AND SUPERVISORS. RUSS
13 GUINEY, DIRECTOR OF DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION. I HAVE
14 WITH ME JANE BEASLEY, ADMINISTRATOR OF THE REGIONAL PARK AND
15 OPEN SPACE DISTRICT. THE ADMINISTRATIVE FUNDS ARE SET ASIDE TO
16 ADMINISTER THE OPEN SPACE DISTRICT. AND THAT IS SPECIFICALLY
17 TO PAY THE EMPLOYEES AND OTHER COSTS THAT GO ALONG WITH
18 ADMINISTERING THE GRANTS AND THEN FOLLOWING UP ON THE GRANTS
19 EACH YEAR.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND WHAT AMOUNT OF THOSE FUNDS WERE
22 USED IN PROPOSITION P?

23

24 **JANE BEASLEY:** SUPERVISOR, JANE BEASLEY. ROUGHLY \$300,000.

25

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** \$300,000? AND HOW IS IT DETERMINED
2 THAT THE TWO \$100 MILLION WAS THE APPROPRIATE AMOUNT OF
3 FUNDING TO UNDERTAKE THE TASK OUTLINED IN THE MOTION? AND ARE
4 THERE COST ESTIMATES FOR EACH OF THOSE PROJECTS?

5

6 **JANE BEASLEY:** IT'S A GUESSTIMATE BECAUSE WE FEEL THAT PART OF
7 THOSE TASKS WILL BE INTERNAL TO THE COUNTY FROM THE VARIOUS
8 DEPARTMENTS. PART WILL BE EXTERNAL CONSULTANTS. THE NUMBER IS
9 A NUMBER THAT IS AVAILABLE IN THE ADMIN MONEY AS FAR AS SOME
10 OF THE OTHER THINGS WE PAY FOR ARE OUTSIDE LITIGATION,
11 EXTRAORDINARY COSTS. AND I THINK IT'S NOT GOING TO BE AS MUCH
12 AS \$2 MILLION. BUT THAT IS THE BUFFER WITHIN THE ADMIN MONEY
13 THAT WE COULD AFFORD TO SPEND ON SOMETHING LIKE THIS.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SINCE THE DISTRICT HADN'T EXISTED, HOW
16 WERE ADMINISTRATIVE FUNDS WOULD NOT BEEN AVAILABLE, SO HOW
17 WERE THE DRAFTING LANGUAGE BY THE AUTHORS OF PROP A, HOW WAS
18 THAT DRAFTING LANGUAGE OF THE PROPOSITION FUNDED?

19

20 **JANE BEASLEY:** WELL IN THE DRAFTING LANGUAGE THERE IS ACTUALLY
21 5 PERCENT OF THE BENEFIT ASSESSMENT GOES TOWARDS THE ADMIN
22 COSTS. THAT WAS PART OF THE DRAFTING LANGUAGE.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** BUT THE PROCESS HADN'T STARTED.

25

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1 **JANE BEASLEY:** RIGHT. SO THE MONEY HAS BEEN SET ASIDE AND
2 UTILIZED OVER TIME. THAT'S WHY THERE'S A TOTAL OF \$14 MILLION
3 RIGHT NOW IN THAT RESERVE TO TAKE US THROUGH THE OUT YEARS
4 AFTER THE EXPIRATION OF THE TWO PROPOSITIONS SO THAT WE CAN
5 STILL CLOSE OUT ALL THOSE GRANTS. PROJECTS TAKE FIVE TO TEN
6 YEARS TO COMPLETE BECAUSE THEY ARE ALL CAPITAL PROJECTS. AND
7 WE STILL HAVE MONEY TO ALLOCATE IN THE EXCESS FUNDS. SO WE
8 FIGURE WE HAVE ANOTHER 10 YEARS OUTSIDE THE '96 EXPIRATION.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND HOW MUCH MONEY DO YOU HAVE IN THAT
11 FUND?

12

13 **JANE BEASLEY:** RIGHT NOW IT'S \$14 MILLION.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** \$14 MILLION? AND THEN OUR C.E.O.,
16 RELATIVE TO THE REDEVELOPMENT FUNDS, THE DISSOLUTION OF THOSE
17 FUNDS, SINCE WE'RE 100 PERCENT OF THE ONGOING DISSOLUTION
18 REVENUES TO THE GENERAL FUND TO FUND ONGOING PROGRAMS AND CAN
19 OUR BOARD BE PROVIDED A REPORT THAT BREAKS DOWN ALL OF THE
20 ALLOCATIONS OF THE REDEVELOPMENT DISSOLUTION REVENUES?

21

22 **INTERIM C.E.O. SACHI HAMAI:** SO MR. MAYOR, MEMBERS OF THE
23 BOARD, STARTING IN FISCAL YEAR '14/'15, 100 PERCENT OF THE
24 FUNDS WERE ALLOCATED TO THE ONGOING PROGRAMS. UNFORTUNATELY,
25 IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO PROVIDE A LIST OF WHERE THE MONEY

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1 WENT TO BECAUSE WHEN IT GETS ALLOCATED TO THE GENERAL FUND,
2 IT'S JUST LIKE PROPERTY TAXES AND WE USE IT AS NET COUNTY COST
3 TO FUND VARIOUS PROGRAMS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WHAT ABOUT ONE TIME REVENUE?

6

7 **INTERIM C.E.O. SACHI HAMAI:** SO ONE TIME WE USED DURING FISCAL
8 YEAR '11/'12, FISCAL YEAR '12/'13. AND THEN OUT OF THE '13/'14
9 FISCAL YEAR THERE WAS ABOUT \$118 MILLION AND APPROXIMATELY \$23
10 MILLION WAS USED FOR ONE-TIME. THE REMAINING WAS USED FOR
11 ONGOING.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SO--

14

15 **INTERIM C.E.O. SACHI HAMAI:** SO WHEN IT BECOMES ONGOING FUNDS,
16 IT BECOMES MORE OR LESS LIKE GENERAL FUNDS.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SO OKAY, THE GENERAL FUNDS. SO WE
19 COULD USE THE GENERAL FUNDS FOR PARKS AND RECREATION WITHOUT
20 HAVING ANOTHER TAX BECAUSE IT'S GENERAL FUNDS SUPPORTED.

21

22 **INTERIM C.E.O. SACHI HAMAI:** IF YOU INDICATE, I GUESS AND
23 INFORM US IN TERMS OF WHAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO DO WITH THE
24 FUNDS.

25

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** RIGHT. WE HAD THAT ABILITY TO FUND
2 USING THE GENERAL FUND MONEY FOR GENERAL FUND PROGRAMS.

3

4 **INTERIM C.E.O. SACHI HAMAI:** RIGHT. OUT OF THE RESIDUAL.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MY SENSE WOULD BE USE THE FUNDS THAT
7 WE HAVE AND USE THE GENERAL FUNDS WE HAVE AND THEN DISSOLUTION
8 THOSE FUNDS BEFORE WE GO BACK TO THE TAXPAYERS FOR ANOTHER TAX
9 INCREASE.

10

11 **INTERIM C.E.O. SACHI HAMAI:** THE ONE CAVEAT, MR. MAYOR, IS THAT
12 OUT OF THE MONEY THAT HAS BEEN ALLOCATED, IT'S ALREADY BEEN
13 DESIGNATED. SO AT THIS POINT, WE DON'T HAVE ADDITIONAL FUNDS
14 THAT YOU COULD JUST IMMEDIATELY TAKE AND DESIGNATE IT TO PARKS
15 AND RECREATION. SO FOR THIS CURRENT BUDGET YEAR FOR THE
16 '14/'15, ALL OF THAT MONEY HAS ALREADY BEEN DESIGNATED THROUGH
17 THE GENERAL FUND.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** BUT IF A TAX WAS PASSED, IT WOULDN'T
20 BE FOR ANOTHER TWO YEARS; CORRECT?

21

22 **INTERIM C.E.O. SACHI HAMAI:** CORRECT.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SO WE WOULD HAVE ANOTHER BUDGET CYCLE
25 THAT WE WOULD BE DEALING WITH THOSE FUNDS.

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1

2 **INTERIM C.E.O. SACHI HAMAI:** AND IF THERE WAS AN INCREASE IN
3 THE RESIDUAL AMOUNT, THAT AMOUNT WOULD BE AVAILABLE.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** RIGHT, CORRECT. SO THAT'S WHERE I
6 WOULD BE COMING FROM.

7

8 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** MR. MAYOR, I HAVE A QUESTION.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS.

11

12 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** I KNOW OUR C.E.O. WAS ASKED TO RESPOND TO
13 SOME QUESTIONS FROM PARKS AND REC AND THEY PROVIDED A MEMO
14 DETAILING WHERE EXPENSES ARE AND WHERE AMOUNTS HAVE BEEN
15 ALREADY ENCUMBERED. CAN YOU WALK US THROUGH THAT REAL QUICK IF
16 MEMBERS HAVEN'T SEEN THAT? I THINK THAT WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL.

17

18 **INTERIM C.E.O. SACHI HAMAI:** SURE.

19

20 **JANE BEASLEY:** WE HAVE TO DIG AROUND.

21

22 **JANE BEASLEY:** THE JUNE 5TH MEMO, SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

23

24 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** IT SAYS JUNE 5TH, 2015, TO THE SUPERVISORS.

25

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1 **JANE BEASLEY:** YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT THE DISCUSSION FROM THE
2 C.E.O. ABOUT THE FUNDS?

3

4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** I AM ASKING WHAT YOU ARE RELYAING TO US HERE
5 IN TERMS OF THE FUNDS THAT ARE BEING UTILIZED THAT HAVE BEEN
6 ENCUMBERED?

7

8 **JANE BEASLEY:** \$2 MILLION? I THINK WHAT SUPERVISOR SOLIS IS
9 REFERRING TO IS ON THE LAST PAGE OF THE MEMO ON PAGE 7, WE
10 TALK ABOUT THE FUND BALANCES OF PROP A. AND THEN KIND OF WHERE
11 WE'VE BEEN AND WHERE WE'RE GOING. THE PROP A FUND BALANCES AS
12 OF MARCH 31ST UNALLOCATED PROP A IN '92 IS \$2,000,749,816.
13 UNALLOCATED FROM '96 IS \$15,041, 000. UNALLOCATED FROM EXCESS
14 FUNDS IS \$121 MILLION. MAINTENANCE AND SERVICING FUNDS IS
15 \$43,383,000 AND THEN ALSO OUT OF THE EXCESS FUNDS THERE'S
16 EXCESS FUNDS FOR MAINTENANCE AND SERVICING OF EXCESS FUNDED
17 PROJECTS OF \$2,442,000. WHAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT NOW IS TAKING
18 2 MILLION FROM OUR ADMIN FUND TO HELP FUND THIS NEW ENDEAVOR.
19 DOES THAT ANSWER YOUR QUESTION? TO LOOK AT A FUTURE FUNDING
20 MEASURE AND TO BRING YOU INFORMATION ON A FUTURE FUNDING.

21

22 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** FOR THE ASSESSMENT AND COMPILATION OF
23 INFORMATION.

24

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1 **JANE BEASLEY:** THAT'S THE OUTLYING ESTIMATE. WE DON'T EXPECT IT
2 WILL TAKE THE FULL \$2 MILLION.

3

4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** WELL WHAT, I WANT TO SAY HERE IS THAT WHAT
5 WAS REALLY IMPORTANT, I THINK, FOR US TO ARRIVE AT WHERE WE
6 WERE AT, THE LAST TIME IT WAS ON THE BALLOT, IT FAILED. I
7 THINK THERE WAS AN ABSENCE OF INFORMATION OF HOW MONIES WERE
8 PREVIOUSLY ALLOCATED. NOW WE'RE ON THAT. WE'RE ON THE
9 ASSESSMENT PLAN, STRATEGIC PLAN THAT WILL HELP US. AS WE
10 PREPARE FOR THE NEXT POSSIBLE BALLOT MEASURE, IT'S IMPORTANT
11 FOR US TO RELAY TO OUR COMMUNITIES, TO OUR CITIES, WHAT THEY
12 HAVE GAINED. AND THAT TO ME IS REALLY IMPORTANT BECAUSE A LOT
13 OF CITIES, EVEN UNINCORPORATED, THAT DON'T REALIZE THAT A LOT
14 OF FUNDS HAVE BEEN EXPENDED AND THEY WANT MORE. IT'S KNOW THE
15 THAT WE GAVE THEM ENOUGH. SOME JUST BARELY GOT THEIR DOORS OR
16 HOURS OPEN OR SOMEBODY HAD RELIGHTING OR REPLUMBING DONE. BUT
17 THAT WAS MINIMAL. NOW THERE'S SUCH MUCH MORE INTEREST BY THE
18 PUBLIC ON THE PART OF OUR PARKS AND COMMUNITY CENTER THAT I
19 THINK IT BEHOOVES US TO GET THIS INFORMATION DOWN AND OUT TO
20 THE PUBLIC SO THEY UNDERSTAND HOW WE HAVE EXPENDED THEIR
21 DOLLARS.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE:** MR. MAYOR, MY ONLY COMMENT TO THAT IS I DON'T
24 UNDERSTAND THAT, BUT ON THE OTHER HAND WHAT I DON'T APPRECIATE
25 IS ALL OF A SUDDEN THIS \$2 MILLION SHOWS UP ADMINISTRATIVE

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1 FUND AND WE GET NICKEL DIMED ON REQUESTS FOR POSITIONS,
2 VARIOUS PARKS AND THINGS LIKE THAT. THIS IS SORT OF
3 BOTHERSOME.

4

5 **RUSS GUINEY:** SUPERVISOR, THIS MONEY CAN'T BE USED FOR
6 POSITIONS FOR THE PARKS. THIS MONEY IS ONLY FOR ADMINISTRATION
7 OF THE OPEN SPACE DISTRICT. AND THE OPEN SPACE DISTRICT FUNDS
8 CAPITAL PROJECTS AND REHABILITATIVE PROJECTS. SO WHEN THE
9 DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION COMES TO YOU FOR POSITIONS,
10 THOSE ARE FOR OPERATING POSITIONS FOR THE DEPARTMENT, WHICH
11 GENERALLY COMES OUT OF GENERAL FUND MONEY FROM THE COUNTY.

12

13 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** I THINK TO ANSWER THE QUESTION, I KNOW THAT
14 WE ADOPTED AN AMENDMENT LAST TIME TO ALSO INCLUDE OUR BEACHES
15 AND HARBORS BECAUSE THAT-- I GET IT THAT THERE IS A SHORTAGE
16 OF FUNDING TO GO OUT ON OUR COASTAL AREAS. WHICH IS REALLY
17 CRITICAL.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE:** ABSOLUTELY.

20

21 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** THIS IS ALSO A PART OF OUR PLAN WHICH I
22 THINK WAS OVERLOOKED LAST TIME. SO I THINK WE'RE TRYING TO DO
23 THE BEST WE CAN HERE TO REALLY BRING IN ALL THE RIGHT
24 INTERESTS HERE TO BE INCLUDED.

25

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1 **RUSS GUINEY:** I THINK YOU'RE RIGHT, SUPERVISOR. LAST TIME WE
2 ONLY HAD THREE MONTHS TO RAMP UP FOR THIS. AND THE EDUCATIONAL
3 CAMPAIGN FELL FAR SHORT. AND THE POLLING BEFORE AND AFTER THE
4 ELECTION SHOWED THAT BOTH OF THOSE POLLS SHOWED THE
5 EDUCATIONAL CAMPAIGN WOULD HAVE MADE A SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCE
6 BECAUSE VOTERS JUST DIDN'T KNOW EXACTLY WHAT HAD BEEN PAID FOR
7 IN THE PAST NOR WHAT WOULD BE DONE WITH THE MONEY GOING
8 FORWARD IN THE FUTURE. AND SO THIS EFFORT ACTUALY PROVIDES
9 FUNDING THROUGH A MORE EXTENSIVE EDUCATIONAL CAMPAIGN.

10

11 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** THREE MONTHS, IN ALL HONESTY, IS NOT
12 ADEQUATE. IT WAS OUR OWN FAULT OR WHOEVER'S FAULT AT THAT
13 TIME.

14

15 **RUSS GUINEY:** MOST OF ENTITIES, SANTA CLARA COUNTY AS AN
16 EXAMPLE, AT THE LAST ELECTION HAD THEIR BALLOT MEASURE
17 PREPARED A YEAR IN ADVANCE SO THAT THE VOTERS KNEW EXACTLY
18 WHAT WAS GOING TO BE ON THE BALLOT AND THERE WAS TIME TO DO AN
19 EDUCATIONAL CAMPAIGN TO EXPLAIN TO THEM EXACTLY THE THINGS
20 YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE:** MR. MAYOR, I DON'T KNOW WHETHER HE ASKED THE
23 QUESTION. HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN SITTING ON THAT \$14 MILLION?

24

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1 **RUSS GUINEY:** THE \$14 MILLION IS THE AMOUNT RIGHT NOW. IT COMES
2 IN EACH YEAR AND IT GOES OUT EACH YEAR. IT TAKES ABOUT \$5
3 MILLION TO ADMINISTER THE OPEN SPACE DISTRICT. SO IT'S NOT
4 LIKE IT'S JUST SITTING THERE. IT'S MORE LIKE A REVOLVING FUND
5 THAT COMES IN AND IS EXPENDED. SO THAT \$14 MILLION WILL BE
6 DOWN TO ABOUT \$5 MILLION SHORTLY WHEN EXPENSES ARE PAID.

7

8 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** MR. MAYOR. I THINK THE REPORT DID ANSWER IN
9 MANY WAYS THE UNAVAILABILITY OF OTHER FUNDS FOR THIS PURPOSE.
10 AND I THINK THAT ADEQUATELY WE'VE ALLOCATED SOME OF THAT MONEY
11 EVEN TODAY. IN OTHER PRIORITIES THAT THE BOARD HAS AND IT'S
12 VERY DIFFICULT TO MEET ALL OF OUR PRIORITIES EVEN IN SUCH A
13 LARGE BUDGET. AND IT WAS INTERESTING WHEN I ASKED THE
14 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH WHAT IS THE MAIN MISSION OF THE
15 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH? THEY TALKED ABOUT OPEN SPACE AND
16 WALKING AND EXERCISE AND ALL THE KINDS OF THINGS THAT WE
17 ASSOCIATE WITH OUR PARKS, WITH OUR BEACHES, WITH OUR OPEN
18 SPACE. AND SO I THINK THIS KIND OF PREPARATION FOR INVESTMENT,
19 COUPLED WITH THE ASSESSMENT THAT WE REQUIRED PARKS AND REC TO
20 DO, ABOUT WHERE WE WERE PARK POOR, WHERE WE NEEDED MORE I
21 THINK WILL HELP US TO BUILD THE CASE. I THINK IT'S VERY
22 IMPORTANT TO BUILD A CASE. WHEN PEOPLE LOOK AT A PARCEL TAX
23 BUT THEY KNOW WHAT IT'S GOING TO GO FOR THEIR \$23 OR \$29 OR
24 WHATEVER IT IS, IT STARTS TO LOOK LIKE A BARGAIN WHEN YOU SEE

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1 THE SPECIFICS ON YOUR BALLOT. AND I THINK IT'S A GOOD WAY TO
2 GO FOR FUNDING THE PARKS BECAUSE IT'S A COMMUNITY SERVICE.

3

4 **RUSS GUINEY:** WELL, CERTAINLY, SUPERVISOR, IT'S BEEN A
5 SUCCESSFUL PROGRAM WITH OVER A BILLION DOLLARS GOING TO PARK
6 AGENCIES. AND WE'RE GOING TO BE INFORMED HERE SHORTLY THROUGH
7 THE NEEDS ASSESSMENT AS TO EXACTLY WHAT THE NEEDS ARE. BUT
8 THEY'RE TREMENDOUS, STILL, BECAUSE MANY OF THOSE PROJECTS THAT
9 WERE COMPLETED 20 SOME YEARS AGO NEED A NEW ROOF, NEED A NEW
10 COAT OF PAINT. AND IT'S REALLY AN ONGOING PROGRAM. AND WITH
11 THE END OF PROP A 1992 THIS PAST JUNE 30TH, THE DISTRICT LOST
12 OVER \$54 MILLION A YEAR WHICH WAS GOING OUT TO ALL THE CITIES.
13 SO EVEN IF WE WERE TO TAKE, SAY, \$100 MILLION THAT THE COUNTY
14 HAS, I'M NOT SURE IF YOUR BOARD CHOSE YOU COULD PARCEL THAT
15 OUT TO ALL THE CITIES BUT IT'S KIND OF LOOKED ON AS COUNTY
16 MONEY AND CERTAINLY THAT WOULD HELP OUR DEPARTMENT. BUT IT
17 WOULDN'T RESPOND TO THE NEEDS OF THE CITIES, WHICH THIS
18 PROGRAM, ALL THE VOTERS APPROVED AND ALL THE PEOPLE ARE TAXED
19 ON REALLY SERVES ALL THE 88 CITIES, THE OTHER PARK AND REC
20 AGENCIES SUCH AS NATIONAL PARKS, STATE PARKS, SANTA MONICA
21 MOUNTAINS AND RIVERS AND MOUNTAIN CONSERVANCY AND PROVIDES AN
22 EVEN FLOW OF FUNDING GOING FORWARD. THAT'S PART OF THE
23 EDUCATIONAL EFFORT YOU JUST MENTIONED TO INFORM THE VOTERS
24 WHERE THE MONEY HAS GONE IN THE PAST AND WHERE IT WOULD GO TO

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1 THE FUTURE SHOULD YOUR BOARD DECIDE TO PUT A MEASURE ON THE
2 BALLOT AND THE VOTERS APPROVE IT.

3

4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** MR. MAYOR, I ALSO, FORGIVE ME BUT I WANTED
5 TO ADD AN AMENDMENT TO THIS MOTION. I WANTED TO READ IN THAT
6 AS AMENDED. "I THEREFORE TO MOVE TO CHANGE THE REPORT-BACK
7 DATE TO MARCH 1, 2016, THEREBY PROVIDING ADDITIONAL TIME TO
8 DELIBERATE ON THE POTENTIAL FUNDING MECHANISMS AND
9 COMMUNICATION PLANS.

10

11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MR. MAYOR AND COLLEAGUES, I SIMPLY WANT TO
12 SAY I SUPPORT THE MOTION. OVER THE PAST SIX MONTHS, THE
13 DEPARTMENT HAS LED AN AMBITIOUS EFFORT TO COMPLETE A REGIONAL
14 PARK AND OPEN SPACE NEEDS ASSESSMENT. AND THE TEAM IS
15 SOLICITING A LOT OF INFORMATION IN A TIMELY AND COLLABORATIVE
16 MANNER. THAT'S A GOOD THING. THE SECOND GO-ROUND WE NEED TO DO
17 THIS RIGHT AND I THINK THAT'S WHAT THE WHOLE MOTION IS SEEKING
18 TO ACCOMPLISH. THIS MEANS MAKING SURE THAT THE NEEDS
19 ASSESSMENT WILL INFORM THE PROPOSED EXPENDITURE PLAN. WE NEED
20 TO BE EQUITABLE AND PRUDENT. AND SO I APPRECIATE THE MOTION'S
21 FOCUS ON THOSE VERY SPECIFIC GOALS AND OBJECTIVES. AND WE CAN
22 BE INCLUSIVE IN THE PROCESS. BUT I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT THAT
23 WE MAKE IT CLEAR AS HAS BEEN SAID BY THE MAKER OF THE MOTION
24 THAT WE NEED TO CAUSE OUR RESPECTIVE STAKEHOLDERS AND OUR
25 COMMUNITIES TO UNDERSTAND THAT A LOT OF WORK HAS ALREADY BEEN

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1 DONE AND THIS WILL SIMPLY AFFORD US DOING MORE WORK IN A WAY
2 THAT IS BETTER UNDERSTOOD WITH THE POSSIBILITY OF ENHANCING
3 THE COMMUNITIES IN WHICH OPEN SPACE CAN BE MADE MORE
4 AVAILABLE. IT IS A HEALTH CONSIDERATION. IT IS A FITNESS
5 CONSIDERATION. BUT FUNDAMENTALLY I BELIEVE IT IS A QUALITY OF
6 LIFE CONSIDERATION FOR ALL OF US THAT IS BEFORE US. AND TO THE
7 EXTENT THAT WE CAN MOVE CONSISTENT WITH THE MOTION AS
8 ARTICULATED AND AMENDED, I BELIEVE WE WILL HAVE DONE RIGHT BY
9 OUR RESPECTIVE STAKEHOLDERS, NAMELY THE VOTERS. AND WE CAN DO
10 THIS IN A GOOD WAY. SO I THANK BOTH SUPERVISORS SOLIS AND
11 KUEHL FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD. AND I THINK WE CAN NOW MAKE
12 GOOD ON IT.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WE HAVE THREE PUBLIC SPEAKERS TO SPEAK
15 ON THIS ITEM. MR. PREVEN, MR. LUCAS, MR. SACHS.

16

17 **ERIC PREVEN:** YES IT'S ERIC PREVEN, COUNTY RESIDENT FROM
18 DISTRICT 3. VERY LONG DAY. IN MAY, WE APPROVED SOME OF THIS
19 OPEN SPACE PARKS AND REC MONEY FROM THE DISTRICT TO ACQUIRE
20 MORE GOLF ASSETS. NOW, I HAVE BEEN VERY DILIGENT ABOUT
21 TRACKING THE GOLF PROGRAM AND I KNOW THAT MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS
22 HAS TAKEN OVER THE PARKS AND REC OVERSIGHT. I'M ANXIOUS. I'M
23 ANXIOUS ABOUT THE FACT THAT SOME OF THAT EXISTING FOOTPRINTS
24 AND SOME OF THE NEW STUFF WE'VE ADDED WITH THE NORWALK
25 FACILITY ARE NOT ABOUT EQUITY AND FOLKS IN THE VARIOUS AREAS

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1 WHERE THERE ARE NOT AS MANY PARKS AND PROGRAMS, OBTAINING
2 THAT. I'M CONCERNED THAT THE JOHN ANSON FORD PROGRAM WHICH MR.
3 YAROSLAVSKY SHEPHERDED ALONG VERY, VERY SUCCESSFULLY FOR A
4 NUMBER OF YEARS IN ADVANCE IS A MAJOR IN HOLLYWOOD RENOVATION
5 OF SOMETHING THAT IS NOT ABOUT OPEN SPACE AT ALL. IT'S ABOUT
6 SPENDING A LOT OF MONEY ON FIXING UP AN OLD GYM, WHICH IS AN
7 OLD GYM IN ITS CURRENT ITERATION. I DON'T THINK IT NEEDS TO
8 LOOK LIKE L.A.C.M.A. TO BE SUCCESSFUL. SO I WOULD ASK FOR THE
9 SAN FERNANDO POOL TO BE COVERED SOMEHOW. I WOULD ASK FOR A
10 KIND OF STUDY TO BE COMPREHENSIVE BUT ALSO FAIR MINDED AND IT
11 SHOULD BE DONE BY THE DISTRICT OFFICES. WE DON'T NEED A \$2
12 MILLION CONSULTANT TO TELL US WHERE WE NEED PARKS IN OUR
13 DISTRICT. IT'S JUST TOO MUCH. YOU KNOW, I DON'T KNOW. THANK
14 YOU.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MR. LUCAS.

17

18 **ROBERT LUCAS:** GOOD AFTERNOON. I LOVE YOUR SHIRT, MAN, IT'S
19 FANTASTIC.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU.

22

23 **ROBERT LUCAS:** YOU KNOW, THE PARKS, IT'S AMAZING. IN SOUTH
24 CENTRAL, SOME OF THE EXERCISE EQUIPMENT THAT HAS BEEN
25 INSTALLED, FANTASTIC. AND I WATCHED IT BEING UTILIZED ALL OVER

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1 THE COUNTY. I ALSO APPRECIATE THERE'S A CEMETERY IN EAST L.A.
2 AND THEY HAVE A FABRICATED PATH AROUND THE CEMETERY. I HAVE
3 NEVER SEEN SO MANY PEOPLE UTILIZE THAT FOR JOGGING AND WALKING
4 AND SUCH A TRIBUTE, I FEEL, TO THE PEOPLE THAT THEY'RE WALKING
5 AND EXERCISING AROUND.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** BECAUSE THEY DON'T WANT TO BE IN THE
8 CEMETERY INSIDE.

9

10 **ROBERT LUCAS:** THAT'S A GOOD START. [LAUGHTER.] THE THING ABOUT
11 IT IS: I REALLY DIDN'T APPRECIATE THE PARKS AND REC LADY AND
12 GENTLEMAN SITTING HERE WHEN THEY WERE BEING QUESTIONED BECAUSE
13 SOMETIMES WHEN YOU REQUIRE A CERTAIN QUESTION BEFORE YOU GIVE
14 AN ANSWER THAT'S OBVIOUS, THAT SEEMS SMUG TO ME.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. WE HAVE A MOTION AS
17 AMENDED. AND I'M GOING TO ABSTAIN. SO ORDERED. 4-0-1. OKAY.
18 ITEM 49 I'M WITHDRAWING MY HOLD. AND SUPERVISOR, ANYBODY
19 SIGNED UP ON IT? OH MY GOODNESS. 49-E. MR. SACHS. RUTH
20 SARNOFF. HOPEFULLY WE'RE LUCKY. NOPE. ERIC PREVEN. OH MISS
21 SARNOFF? MR. PREVEN. YOU WIN THE ENDURANCE AWARD, MISS
22 SARNOFF. [LAUGHTER.]

23

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1 **RUTH SARNOFF:** I KNOW. A QUESTION. IN LIEU OF THE-- COULD YOU
2 TURN THE THING OFF JUST A SECOND? I WANT TO FIND OUT IF I CAN
3 DEAL WITH-- THIS IS NOT PUBLIC COMMENT?

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** NO. THIS IS 49-E.

6

7 **RUTH SARNOFF:** YEAH. COULD I JUST TAKE MY MINUTE? BECAUSE I
8 NEED TO GO SO IF YOU'LL RUN THE CLOCK BACK, I'D APPRECIATE IT.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. START THE CLOCK.

11

12 **RUTH SARNOFF:** OKAY. I WANTED TO BRING TO YOUR ATTENTION AN
13 ARTICLE IN "THE DOWNTOWN NEWS." AS HOMELESSNESS SPIKES,
14 DOWNTOWN REMAINS THE EPICENTER OF THE PROBLEM. I SHOULD ALSO
15 YOU'LL FIND HERE THAT SKID ROW IS THE SUPER GROUND ZERO. AND I
16 HAVE ENOUGH COPIES HERE FOR THE MEMBERS TO HAVE AND PUT ONE IN
17 PUBLIC RECORD. I ALSO WANTED TO BRING TO YOUR ATTENTION THAT
18 CALTRANS JUST GOT DINGED FOR \$10 MILLION. THEY'RE PROBABLY THE
19 BIGGEST. THEY KIND OF HAVE A REPUTATION OF BEING A SLUM LORD.
20 BUT THEY HAVE ALL OF THE HOUSING THAT IS HELD IN LIMBO FOR
21 TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS. AND IT'S VERY IMPORTANT THAT THEY--
22 THESE PROJECTS BE AUDITED WITH A QUALITY AUDIT OF SOME KIND AS
23 TO WHAT'S GOING ON. THEY GOT THE \$10 MILLION DING BECAUSE OF
24 THE COMPLETE DESTRUCTION OF A FUTURE FOR THIS BABY WHO IS
25 SUFFERING FROM LEAD BECAUSE THERE WAS PEELING PAINT IN THE

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1 APARTMENT. AND INSPECTORS CAME OUT ON TWO OCCASIONS AND
2 INSPECTED AND THEY STILL DID NOT GET ANY RELIEF. AND SO THEY
3 SUED. BUT THE BABY IS JUST, WILL NEED CARE THE WHOLE LIFE AND
4 THAT'S THE \$10 BILLION. I THINK WE SHOULD ASK THE STATE FOR AN
5 AUDIT. AND I THINK THAT THE CITY SHOULD ALSO DO THAT AND I'M
6 GOING TO REQUEST THAT OF THE CITY. SO THANK YOU. AND ALSO IT'S
7 IMPORTANT AS POLLUTION CAUSES DEMENTIA. IT'S IN MOTHER JONES.
8 AND IT'S THE LATEST ONE. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SO MOTION BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL.
11 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR THOMAS. I'M GOING TO ABSTAIN ON THAT.
12 SO ORDERED, 4-0-1. ON ITEM NO. 18, THAT WAS SUPERVISOR KNABE
13 HAD ASKED FOR A THREE-WEEK CONTINUANCE-- ITEM 18.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE:** I WILL RELEASE THE CONTINUANCE.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** RELEASE YOUR HOLD? SO MOTION BY
18 SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS. SECOND. MOVE ITEM 18. WITHOUT
19 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. ON ITEM 49-A, PAM WILKINSON JUST WANTED
20 TO PASS THIS OUT. SHE HAD TO LEAVE. THE MOTION ALREADY PASSED.
21 THIS WAS ON THE ANIMAL ISSUE. SHE WANTED EVERYBODY TO HAVE A
22 COPY OF THAT. I HAVE A MOTION THAT DUE TO A LACK OF QUORUM ON
23 AUGUST 25TH. I WOULD MOVE THAT THE BOARD CANCEL THE MEETING,
24 DIRECTING THE ACTING EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO POST ALL APPROPRIATE
25 PUBLIC NOTICES, AND RESCHEDULING THE PUBLIC HEARINGS TO AN

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1 APPROPRIATE DATE. THE NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING THEN WOULD BE
2 HELD ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2015. SO ALL THOSE BEING
3 RECOGNIZED AND THOSE DOING THE PRAYER AND THE PLEDGE WOULD BE
4 SO NOTIFIED ON THAT DATE.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE:** WHAT'S THAT, THEN?

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOVING THE MEETING. WE DON'T HAVE A
9 QUORUM ON AUGUST 25TH. THE NEXT MEETING WOULD BE SEPTEMBER
10 1ST. SO SECOND BY SUPERVISOR KNABE. WITHOUT OBJECTION. SO
11 ORDERED. HAVE WE DONE ALL OF THE ITEMS? OKAY. NOW WE HAVE
12 ADJOURNMENTS. SUPERVISOR KNABE.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. I HAVE
15 A NUMBER OF ADJOURNMENTS AND UNFORTUNATELY SOME VERY SAD ONES
16 THAT JUST HAPPENED HERE IN THE LAST COUPLE OF DAYS. FIRST OF
17 ALL, I MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN TODAY IN MEMORY OF A BEAUTIFUL
18 YOUNG LADY, COLETTE "COCO" LAZENBY, WHO WAS TRAGICALLY KILLED
19 IN AN AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT AT THE VERY TENDER AGE OF 12. SHE
20 WAS A BEAUTIFUL CHILD. AND EVEN HER SHORT AMOUNT OF TIME, SHE
21 TOUCHED THE LIVES OF SO MANY AND WAS REALLY SHINING EXAMPLE OF
22 LOVE AND SERVICE. SHE ALWAYS ENJOYED HELPING OTHERS. SHE WAS
23 RECENTLY INTERVIEWED BY A LOCAL TELEVISION STATION EARLIER
24 THIS YEAR WHILE VOLUNTEERING IN A HOMELESS GARDEN. SHE IS
25 SURVIVED BY HER MOTHER, FATHER AND GRANDPARENTS. COCO'S

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1 GRANDFATHER IS A FRIEND OF ALL OF US, BRUCE LAZENBY, A
2 COMMUNITY VETERANS' ADVOCATE WITH ROSE HILLS MEMORIAL PARK.
3 COCO WAS AN INSPIRATION TO OTHERS AND WILL BE TRULY MISSED BY
4 HER FAMILY, FRIENDS AND HER COMMUNITY SHE SO MUCH CARED ABOUT.
5 ALSO ANOTHER DEAR FRIEND AND ONE OF MY STRONGEST AND EARLY
6 MEMBERS OF VOLUNTEERS ON PATROL, BERNIE OBENBERGER PASSED AWAY
7 SUNDAY AFTERNOON AT THE AGE OF 85. SHE WAS A DEDICATED
8 VOLUNTEER OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. SHE
9 SERVED IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF WHITTIER FOR OVER 27
10 YEARS. SHE RETIRED IN 2014 BUT REMAINED EXTREMELY PASSIONATE
11 ABOUT SERVICE AND HELPING OUT AND ALWAYS TAKING PHOTOS OF THE
12 VARIOUS EVENTS, INCLUDING MOST RECENTLY THE LIBERTY PLAZA
13 GRAND OPENING. SHE WAS A VERY ACTIVE MEMBER. HER HUSBAND WALLY
14 WAS HER GREAT PARTNER. HE PASSED AWAY A FEW YEARS AGO. JUST
15 ABSOLUTELY INCREDIBLE FRIENDLY PERSON. SHE IS NOW BACK
16 TOGETHER WITH HER LOVING HUSBAND WALLY AND SURVIVED BY FOUR
17 SONS AND 12 GRANDCHILDREN, ONE GREAT GRANDCHILD. HER SON KEITH
18 IS A RETIRED LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S LIEUTENANT AND RALPH
19 SERVES AS A DEPUTY IN SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND EVENTUALLY
20 RETIRED OF SHERIFF IN MONO COUNTY, IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA.
21 DEAR BERNIE WAS AN AMAZING PERSON, EXAMPLE TO SO MANY AND WILL
22 BE TRULY MISSED BY ALL WHO KNEW HER. ALSO TO ADJOURN IN MEMORY
23 OF GOOD FRIEND AND FORMER MEMBER OF SIGNAL HILL CITY COUNCIL
24 MAYOR ELLEN WARD. ELLEN PASSED AWAY THIS MORNING AT THE AGE OF
25 78. SHE SERVED IN MANY CAPACITIES IN THE CITIES OF SIGNAL

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1 HILL, PARAMOUNT, HAWAIIAN GARDENS ARTESIA AND THE COUNTY OF
2 LOS ANGELES AS A MEMBER OF THE RECREATION TEAMS BUT SHE WAS
3 ALSO AS I MENTIONED A MEMBER OF THE SIGNAL HILL CITY COUNCIL
4 FOR 12 YEARS AND SERVED AS MAYOR TWICE. SHE WAS VERY ACTIVE IN
5 THE NONPROFIT SECTOR WITH NINE YEARS ON EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF
6 A.I.D.S. WALK LONG BEACH AND MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
7 FOR THE L.G.B.T.Q. CENTER IN LONG BEACH, SMALL BUSINESS OWNER,
8 LONG BEACH. SHE WILL BE MISSED BY FAMILY AND FRIENDS. SHE IS
9 SURVIVED BY HER WIFE OF 21 YEARS, PAT, SON DON AND SISTER
10 MARLENE. GREAT LADY. ALSO WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY, THIS IS
11 ANOTHER SHOCKER JUST FOUND THIS OUT YESTERDAY, THAT WE ADJOURN
12 IN MEMORY OF RICHARD DEVYLDER. RICHARD HAS APPEARED BEFORE
13 THIS BOARD ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS. HE WAS APPOINTED BY GOVERNOR
14 JERRY BROWN IN 2013 AS THE DIRECTOR OF OFFICE FOR ACCESS AND
15 FUNCTIONAL NEEDS AT THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICE
16 WHICH HE SERVED UNTIL APRIL OF 2015. HE ALSO IS A SENIOR
17 ADVISER OF ACCESSIBLE TRANSPORTATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF
18 TRANSPORTATION FEDERAL LEVEL FOR THREE YEARS AND HAS BEEN VERY
19 INVOLVED AS DIRECTOR OF INDEPENDENT LIVING AND EXTERNAL
20 AFFAIRS AT TE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF REHABILITATION, AND
21 SERVED AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE DALE MACINTOSH CENTER FOR
22 THE DISABLED FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS, AS WELL. JULY 2010,
23 PRESIDENT OBAMA APPOINTED HIM AS A U.S. DEPARTMENT OF
24 TRANSPORTATIONS FIRST SENIOR ADVISER FOR ACCESSIBLE
25 TRANSPORTATION. HE WOULD GO ON TO LEAD THE AGENCY'S EFFORTS.

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1 HE WAS AN ADVOCATE FOR THOSE THAT NEEDED ACCESS, A GOOD
2 FRIEND. HE WAS AN INSPIRATION AND VERY SPECIAL INDIVIDUAL WHO
3 WILL BE MISSED BY MANY. ALSO WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF
4 MARYEVELYN TIPTON. BELOVED MOTHER OF JUDGE LELAND TIPTON WHO
5 PASSED AWAY ON AUGUST 5TH AT THE AGE OF 100. SHE IS SURVIVED
6 BY HER FIVE CHILDREN, 13 GRANDCHILDREN, 16 GREAT GRANDCHILDREN
7 AND HER UNCLE. SHE WILL BE TRULY MISSED. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN
8 IN MEMORY OF SCOTT HACHIYA WHO PASSED AWAY ON AUGUST 1ST AFTER
9 A YEAR-LONG BATTLE WITH CANCER. SCOTT IS THE HUSBAND OF PAT
10 WITH OUR DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING. HE SERVED SEVERAL
11 YEARS AS A SPECIAL NEEDS TEACHER IN THE L.A. UNIFIED SCHOOL
12 DISTRICT, WAS A MENTOR AND SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN AND AT-RISK
13 YOUTH. HE ALSO SERVED AS A LIFEGUARD IN LAKEWOOD. SURVIVED BY
14 HIS WIFE PAT, DAUGHTERS LAURYN AND MEGAN. HE WAS A LOVING
15 HUSBAND AND FATHER AND FAITHFUL DEVOTED CHRISTIAN. HE WILL BE
16 TRULY MISSED BY FAMILY, FRIENDS AND ALL WHO KNEW HIM. FINALLY
17 THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF COLETTA LEARY WHO PASSED AWAY ON
18 JULY 30TH. SHE RESIDED IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY FOR SOME 63
19 YEARS. SHE MOVED TO LONG BEACH IN 1952 WITH FIVE CHILDREN FROM
20 A FARMING COMMUNITY OUTSIDE OF ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS. IN HER
21 SPARE TIME SHE VOLUNTEERED AT KAISER IN PANORAMA CITY. SHE IS
22 SURVIVED BY HER 14 CHILDREN, INCLUDING TWO LOS ANGELES COUNTY
23 EMPLOYEES, WARREN, GOLF DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND REC, DAVID,
24 CAPTAIN WITH THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AS WELL AS 37 GRANDCHILDREN,
25 29 GREAT GRANDCHILDREN. THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNMENTS.

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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SECOND WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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4 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** MR. MAYOR, COULD I JOIN HIM WITH THE
5 ADJOURNMENT FOR ELLEN WARD? ABSOLUTELY.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE:** GREAT LADY.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WE'VE BEEN FOLLOWING A FRIEND THAT I
10 HAD A GREAT PLEASURE TO WORK WITH, ONE OF THE-- FROM THE
11 MEDIA, A MAN OF INTEGRITY AND HONESTY WAS LARRY STAMMER WHO
12 PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 73. HE WAS A JOURNALIST FOR "THE LOS
13 ANGELES TIMES" AND "THE SAN JOSE MERCURY" WHEN I WAS IN THE
14 STATE LEGISLATURE. LARRY WAS A DEVOUT EPISCOPALIAN AND LEADER
15 IN HIS PARISH. HE ATTENDED CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY
16 SACRAMENTO AND CALIFORNIA STATE LOS ANGELES. IN 1959, HE BEGAN
17 HIS CAREER IN JOURNALISM. HE WROTE FOR "THE SAN JOSE MERCURY
18 NEWS" AND THEN JOINED "THE LOS ANGELES TIMES" SACRAMENTO
19 BUREAU IN 1975. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE SERA AND THEIR TWO
20 DAUGHTERS. BUT HE WAS A VERY FINE MAN. VERY FAIR REPORTER.
21 ALWAYS PRESENTING BOTH SIDES OF A STORY. AND A REAL WONDERFUL
22 HUMAN BEING. JOHN ADDISON HOWARD, FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE
23 PHILADELPHIA SOCIETY PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 93. HE HAD
24 SERVED AS PRESIDENT OF THE ROCKFORD COLLEGE IN ILLINOIS AND
25 LATER FOUNDED THE ROCKFORD INSTITUTE AND THE HOWARD CENTER FOR

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1 RELIGION, FAMILY SOCIETY AND HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE AND
2 THEIR FOUR CHILDREN AND NINE GRANDCHILDREN. JAMES BRUMMETT,
3 RETIRED DEPUTY SHERIFF PASSED AWAY ON JUNE 24TH. HE HAD SERVED
4 OUR NATION IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY. HIS LAST UNIT ASSIGNMENT
5 WAS THE VICE BUREAU DETECTIVE DIVISION. THE HONORABLE RICHARD
6 SCHWEIKER SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES DURING THE
7 FIRST TERM OF PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE
8 OF 89. HE WAS FORMERLY A CONGRESSMAN AND SENATOR. HE WAS
9 PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN'S CHOICE FOR VICE PRESIDENT WHEN
10 PRESIDENT REAGAN CHALLENGED PRESIDENT FORD BACK IN 1976. HE
11 SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY DURING WORLD WAR II, WAS A
12 GRADUATE OF PENN STATE, WAS PRESIDENT OF THE AMERICAN OLEAN
13 TILE COMPANY AND HE WAS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE AND FIVE
14 CHILDREN, SISTER SYLVIA AND GRANDCHILDREN, ONE GREAT
15 GRANDDAUGHTER. ROBERT RESENDEZ, LONGTIME RESIDENT OF PASADENA
16 PASSED AWAY ON AUGUST 5TH. HE SERVED IN THE TOURNAMENT OF
17 ROSES AS A GROUNDSKEEPER CARETAKER OF THE TOURNAMENT HOUSE.
18 THAT'S THE FORMER WRIGLEY HOUSE. AND HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS
19 WIFE MARIA AND THEIR THREE CHILDREN. THERESA LUM PASSED AWAY
20 AT THE AGE OF 80 ON AUGUST 4TH AND SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER
21 HUSBAND ALBERT, ONE OF OUR LOCAL ATTORNEYS, FOUR CHILDREN AND
22 TEN GRANDCHILDREN. HER DAUGHTER SERVED AS A FEDERAL MAGISTRATE
23 IN THE UNITED STATES COURT. PERSONAL FRIEND OF THE LUM FAMILY
24 FOR OVER 60 YEARS. WONDERFUL FAMILY. SHE PASSED AWAY ON AUGUST
25 4TH. MY CLASSMATE PASSED AWAY, FRANK AGUIRRE FROM HIGH SCHOOL

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1 AND THE UNIVERSITY. WAS AN EDUCATOR, ADMINISTRATOR AND ALSO A
2 PASTOR. HE SERVED AS A MISSION DEVELOPER FOR THE LUTHERAN
3 CHURCH IN LOS ANGELES, OAKLAND AND STOCKTON AND FRANK IS
4 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE JUDY AND THEIR THREE CHILDREN AND FOUR
5 GRANDCHILDREN. KEVIN TAINATONGO, LONGTIME RESIDENT OF ANTELOPE
6 VALLEY PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 53. HE WAS ASSISTANT CITY
7 MANAGER FOR THE CITY OF LANCASTER FOR THE LAST NINE YEARS. HE
8 IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, CINDY, AND THEIR TWO CHILDREN. CARL
9 NEWTON, LONGTIME CITY ATTORNEY FOR SANTA CLARITA PASSED AWAY
10 ON JULY 17TH. HE WAS A NAVY VETERAN. LAW DEGREE FROM LOYOLA
11 LAW SCHOOL. WAS CITY ATTORNEY FOR SANTA CLARITA FOR THE PAST
12 23 YEARS. HE HAD ALSO SERVED AS CITY ATTORNEY FOR DOWNEY,
13 AZUSA, MANHATTAN BEACH. CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE FOR
14 CONDEMNATION, ZONING AND LAND USE FOR THE AMERICAN BAR
15 ASSOCIATION AND WAS CHAIRMAN OF THE CONDEMNATION ZONING AND
16 LAND USE PROCEDURES COMMITTEE FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BAR,
17 AS WELL. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE AND 10 CHILDREN. A LOT OF
18 MEDIATING. MADELINE "MADDIE" ROSSITER PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE
19 OF 19. SHE WAS A CANYON HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE WHERE SHE WAS
20 ACTIVE AND MEMBER OF THE YES I CAN PROGRAM AND HAD PRESENTLY
21 COMPLETED HER FIRST YEAR AT CAL STATE UNIVERSITY HIGHLANDS.
22 SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER PARENTS AND HER THREE SIBLINGS. EARL
23 THOMAS RETIRED DEPUTY LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT.
24 Y. LEVON THOMAS, LONGTIME RESIDENT OF GLENDALE TRAGICALLY
25 PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 20. ATHLETIC DIRECTOR, HOMENETMEN

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1 WESTERN U.S.A. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE ARMENIAN COMMUNITY.
2 SURVIVED BY HIS PARENTS, ARAM AND LENA AND HIS TWO SIBLINGS.
3 PAUL WILLIAMS SR. PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 94 LIVED IN
4 ALTADENA, SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY. WAS A DEACON AT
5 GOOD NEWS CHURCH OF CHRIST. SERVED ON THE DEACON BOARD OF THE
6 SOUTHERN DISTRICT CHURCH OF CHRIST. COUNTY MEMBER OF THE
7 ALTADENA COMMUNITY GARDEN. SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE ESSIE MAE, AND
8 FOUR CHILDREN. PAUL WAS A PERSONAL FRIEND, LONGTIME SUPPORTER.
9 WONDERFUL MAN AND WONDERFUL COMMUNITY LEADER. AND A GREAT ROLE
10 MODEL. SUZANNE TECHENTIN MILLER. PASSED AWAY ON AUGUST 2ND.
11 GRADUATE U.S.C. SHE RECEIVED HER DOCTORATE AND LAW DEGREE FROM
12 THE UNIVERSITY OF LA VERNE AND WAS A LITIGATOR FOR LOS ANGELES
13 COUNTY FOR THE PAST 18 YEARS. SISTER MAGDALEN MARIE CRIVELLO
14 OF THE SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPHS OF CARONDELET, THE ORDER MY AUNT
15 WAS A MEMBER OF FOR MANY, MANY YEARS, WORKED IN NUMEROUS
16 HOSPITALS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY, SERVED AS CONTROLLER AT MOUNT
17 ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY. SURVIVED BY HER NEPHEW JOHN, NIECE MARY
18 ANN AND WONDERFUL LADY. BERNARD JOSEPH CADE, RETIRED DEPUTY
19 COUNTY DEPUTY PROBATION OFFICER PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 68.
20 WAS A PROBATION OFFICER FOR THE PAST 30 YEARS, WAS A STEWARD
21 OF HIS UNION AND STEWARD CHAIR OF THE AMERICAN FEDERATION OF
22 STATE COUNTY MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES LOCAL 685 SURVIVED BY HIS
23 WIFE DELIA AND HIS SON WILLIAM, DAUGHTER IFETAO AND SISTER
24 GLORIA AND BROTHER DONALD. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-

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1 THOMAS. FIRST DISTRICT? SUPERVISOR SOLIS? SECOND DISTRICT MARK
2 RIDLEY-THOMAS. NONE. SUPERVISOR SHEILA KUEHL?

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4 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR. I ASK WHEN WE ADJOURN
5 TODAY WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF COLLEEN GRAY, WONDERFUL ACTRESS,
6 LONG- TIME RESIDENT OF THE THIRD DISTRICT OF BEL AIR. RECENTLY
7 PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 92. SHE WAS BORN IN A SMALL TOWN IN
8 NEBRASKA, AND DECIDED EARLY ON SHE WANTED TO BE A MOVIE STAR.
9 WENT TO COLLEGE IN MINNESOTA AND THEN MOVED WEST TO JOIN HER
10 FIANCE. ENDED UP IN L.A. JOINED A SMALL THEATER GROUP AND IN
11 CLASSIC FASHION WAS DISCOVERED BY AN AGENT WHO GOT HER A
12 CONTRACT WITH FOX. SHE APPEARED IN JOHN FORD'S CLASSIC WESTERN
13 "RED RIVER" OPPOSITE JOHN WAYNE AND FRANK CAPRA'S "RIDING
14 HIGH" WITH BING CROSBY. SHE WAS BEST KNOWN FOR A NUMBER OF
15 ROLES AS THE GOOD GIRL IN A SERIES OF MEMORABLE FILMS, FILM
16 NOIR, INCLUDING "KISS OF DEATH," "THE KILLING," "NIGHTMARE
17 ALLEY" AND "KANSAS CITY CONFIDENTIAL." SHE ALSO ENJOYED A LONG
18 AND PROLIFIC CAREER ON TELEVISION ON SUCH SERIES AS
19 "MAVERICK," "RAWHIDE," "'77 SUNSET STRIP," "PERRY MASON" AND
20 MANY OTHERS. SHE IS SURVIVED BY A SON, BRUCE BIDLACK, HER
21 DAUGHTER, SUSAN AMATEAU, HER STEPSONS RICK AND STEVE ZEISER,
22 10 GRANDCHILDREN AND FOUR GREAT GRANDCHILDREN. THANK YOU.

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SECOND WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

2 OKAY. WE HAVE PUBLIC COMMENT. ROBERT LUCAS. GOING TO WAIVE IT?

3 STENSON TOLAN. DWAYNE DICKINSON. ALONDRA ABRANN. MR. LUCAS.

4

5 **ROBERT LUCAS:** HOWDY HOWDY.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** HOWDY HOWDY. ONE MINUTE, PLEASE.

8

9 **ROBERT LUCAS:** OH, WOW. OKAY. I DID SOME INVESTIGATING ON THIS

10 CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE, RIGHT? I'VE KIND OF BEEN

11 SQUEAKING THE WHEEL ON THAT FOR APPLICATIONS AND STUFF AND

12 I'VE BEEN VERY HELPFUL FROM THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE OVER HERE AND

13 HUMAN RESOURCES. AND THEN I INVESTIGATED A LITTLE BIT WITH THE

14 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. THAT DIDN'T REALLY GO SO WELL. BUT THE

15 THING ABOUT IT IS I REALLY SITTING THROUGH SOME OF THE AGENDA

16 ITEMS TODAY WITH THIS DIVERSION PROGRAM THAT YOU GUYS ARE

17 SETTING UP, IT SEEMS LIKE, YOU KNOW, THERE'S A COUPLE OPTIONS

18 HERE BECAUSE ALL OF THESE ARE GOING TO BE INTEGRATED. SO I'M

19 GOING DO SOME MORE READING WITH SOME OF THE INFORMATION THAT

20 I'M PRIVY TO. BUT THIS COULD BE AN INTERESTING YEAR. THIS

21 MIGHT GIVE ME SOMETHING TO DO FOR THE NEXT THREE OR FOUR YEARS

22 THAT ACTUALLY MAKES A DIFFERENCE. SO I APPRECIATE YOU GUYS

23 BEING CREATIVE WITH TRYING TO RESOLVE SOME OF THESE ISSUES AND

24 I LOOK FORWARD FOR YOU FINDING ME A NICHE HERE. THANKS, YOU

25 GUYS HAVE A GOOD NIGHT.

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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP MICHAEL
3 WILLIAMS.

4

5 **STENSON TOLAN:** MY NAME IS STENSON TOLAN.

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7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** HOLD ON ONE SECOND. JAN AND MICHAEL
8 WILLIAMS, JAN WILLIAMS. BRYON COSTA. PAMELA WILKINSON.
9 PATRICIA WILSON. YES, SIR, YOU CAN BEGIN NOW.

10

11 **STENSON TOLAN:** MY NAME IS STENSON TOLAN. USED TO WORK FOR THE
12 CITY OF SANTA MONICA FOR 22 YEARS AND BEEN MARRIED ABOUT 50
13 YEARS. AND MY CONCERN IS ABOUT ALL THE PEOPLE, SENIOR
14 CITIZENS. I'M STANDING UP FOR THEM. THEY ARE GIVEN INFORMATION
15 ABOUT THE SENIOR CITIZENS. MAKE YOU GO TO DENTISTS OFFICE AND
16 TELL THEM YOUR BUSINESS AND THE KIDS ARE TAKING THEIR PARENTS'
17 HOUSES AND GOING THROUGH THE BANK AND STUFF LIKE THAT. I'M
18 JUST STANDING UP AND I WANT YOU GUYS TO LOOK INTO IT BECAUSE
19 THIS IS NOT RIGHT AND THEN PUTTING THEIR PARENTS OUT OF THEIR
20 HOUSES AND STUFF LIKE THAT AND TAKING OVER AND THEN WHEN YOU
21 CALL THE L.A.P.D., THEY DON'T DO NOTHING, YOU KNOW. YOU GOT TO
22 GO TO COURT AND ALL THAT STUFF LIKE THAT. BUT IT'S COMPLETELY
23 WRONG. AND THE PARENTS, YOU KNOW, THE ELDERLY PEOPLE, THEY CAN
24 BE SICK OR THIS AND THAT AND THEY TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THEM. AND

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1 SOMETHING SHOULD BE DONE ABOUT IT, YOU KNOW, BECAUSE IT
2 HAPPENED TO ME SAME WAY.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** YES, SIR. THANK YOU FOR BRINGING THAT
5 TO OUR ATTENTION.

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7 **STENSON TOLAN:** SO, YOU KNOW I JUST WANT, I'M STANDING UP FOR
8 THESE SENIOR CITIZENS. AND THE L.A. PEOPLE. FOLKS, SOMETHING
9 NEED TO BE DONE ABOUT THIS.

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11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. I'LL HAVE THE EXECUTIVE
12 OFFICE LOOK INTO THAT. THANK YOU. TERUE TERUE. ERIC PREVEN AND
13 ARNOLD SACHS. YES, MA'AM. YES, MA'AM. YES, SIR.

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15 **SPEAKER:** OKAY. THANK YOU FOR LETTING ME PATIENTLY WAIT. I LIKE
16 THOSE INSCRIPTIONS TO START OFF, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE
17 BY THE PEOPLE FOR THE PEOPLE. THAT'S PRETTY AMAZING. WE NEED
18 TO BE REMINDED OF THAT. I AM DISFAVORABLE OF THE BUILDING OF
19 THE NO NEW JAILS. I'M SURE THAT WE HAVE PLENTY OF ROOM TO
20 UTILIZE. I CAN'T READ MY OWN HANDWRITING. DISFAVORABLE,
21 WASTING SPENDING THE TAXPAYERS' MONEY. I UNDERSTAND THAT THE
22 PORTION OF THE AGENDA WAS POSTPONED TO ANOTHER DATE. THE
23 ISSUE, THE HOT ISSUE OF THE ABUSE IN THE JAIL HOUSE. I BELIEVE
24 IS THAT TRUE? AM I ALLOWED TO CROSS TALK, OR NO, MR.

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1 ANTONOVICH? AM I ALLOWED TO ASK A QUESTION? CAN YOU SUSPEND
2 THE TIME SO I ASK YOU THE QUESTION?

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** COMPLETE YOUR STATEMENT. I'LL ANSWER
5 IT AFTER YOU COMPLETE.

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7 **SPEAKER:** YEAH BUT TIME TICKS.

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9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WE'LL GIVE YOU ANOTHER 20 SECONDS.

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11 **SPEAKER:** OKAY. SO I WANT TO MENTION THE FACT THAT
12 APPROXIMATELY 40 PERCENT OF ALL WRONGFUL CONVICTIONS ARE
13 LINKED TO PROSECUTORIAL MISCONDUCT. AND AS A RESULT OF THE
14 PEOPLE BEING JAILED, A LOT OF PEOPLE AREN'T AWARE THAT OVER 80
15 PERCENT OF THE PEOPLE ARE FOR NONVIOLENT OFFENSES. MY LADY
16 FRIEND WHO IS A PROFESSOR CLAIMS THAT WE HAVE MORE PEOPLE
17 LOCKED UP IN THE UNITED STATES THAN ANY OTHER COUNTRY. THIS IS
18 DESPICABLE IN MY OPINION. FOR SO-CALLED CIVILIZED SOCIETY, I
19 DON'T THINK THAT WE SHOULD BUILD MORE JAILS. ABUSE OF POWER IS
20 RAMPANT. AN ARTICLE THAT YOU CAN LOOK UP, IS RAMPANT
21 PROSECUTORIAL MISCONDUCT, NEW YORK TIMES. I'M SURE THERE ARE
22 COUNTLESS FALSE ARRESTS, IMPRISONMENTS, UNLAWFUL DETENTIONS,
23 UNLAWFUL SEARCHES, ET CETERA, THAT GO UNNOTICED. THE ABUSE IN
24 THE JAILS IS OUT OF CONTROL AND IS UNACCEPTABLE. I AM A
25 SURVIVOR AND LIVING PROOF OF POLICE ABUSE. 1980, I KNOW ABUSE

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1 REPORTEDLY. I'M NOT EVEN A CRIMINAL. IT GOES ON AND ON AND ON
2 THE ABUSE. AND IF YOU LOOK ALL OVER THE NEWS, IT JUST NEVER
3 ENDS. MOST OF THE PEOPLE BEHIND BARS DESERVE BETTER. TRY
4 RESPECT AS A STARTERS, SINCERITY, SERVICE, CIVILITY.

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6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME SAY THE JAIL
7 COMMISSIONS, MOST OF THOSE RECOMMENDATIONS HAVE BEEN APPROVED
8 OR ARE IN PROGRESS. AND WITH THE NEW SHERIFF, MAKING CHANGES.

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10 **SPEAKER:** MAY I ASK YOU A QUESTION?

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12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** NO, YOU CAN'T. BUT ANYWAY. THANK YOU,
13 SIR. WE'RE GOING TO CONTINUE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS FROM
14 EXECUTIVE SESSION.

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16 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. C.E.O.:** WE WILL CONTINUE ITEM
17 C.S.-1, C.S.-2, C.S.-3, C.S.-4, C.S.-5, C.S.-6, C.S.-7 ONE
18 WEEK TO AUGUST 18, 2015.

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20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-
21 THOMAS. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. THANK YOU.

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